

Ariz. gun trafficking operation costs two their jobs



Dennis Burke, U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, leaves a news conference in Phoenix, March 4, 2011. Burke is one of two top Justice Department officials that the Obama administration replaced on Tuesday, Aug. 30, that were associated with Operation Fast and Furious, an ill-fated investigation into a gun-trafficking network in Arizona that has been at the center of a political conflagration. (Joshua Lott/The New York Times)

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WASHINGTON

— The Obama administration Tuesday replaced two top Justice Department officials associated with an ill-fated investigation into a gun-trafficking network in Arizona that has been at the center of a political conflagration.

Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. announced the resignation of the U.S. attorney in Phoenix, Dennis Burke, and the reassignment of the acting director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Kenneth Melson.

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Stranded



Workers start to clear the mud, water and debris off of Flat Street in Brattleboro, Vt., after severe flooding from Tropical Storm Irene, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011. (AP Photo/The Brattleboro Reformer, Zachary P. Stephens) Page 2

National Guard brings relief to the stranded

BRATTLEBORO/Vt. — The National Guard airlifted food, water and other supplies to hundreds of people stranded without power in towns across southern Vermont on Tuesday as crews inspected damaged bridges and tried to restore washed-out highways after the remnants of Hurricane Irene caused historic flooding in the state.

W. Craig Fugate, administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, was scheduled to survey the area by helicopter later Tuesday with Peter Shumlin, Vermont's governor. FEMA is also setting up a staging area to help with relief efforts in Colchester, Vt., at Camp Johnson, officials said. Federal officials said a team of doctors, nurses and other medical professionals was en route to Vermont to help supply emergency health care at hospitals and health centers.

Due to limited ground

transportation options in the state, the Air National Guard began using helicopters Tuesday to trans-

Mark Bosma, a spokesman for the Vermont Office of Emergency Management, said the National Guard



A car lies in a ditch in front of the Country Store after being dragged by the Batavia Kill stream after Tropical Storm Irene flooded parts of the town, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011 in Windham, N.Y. Officials say more than a dozen towns in Vermont and at least three in New York are cut off, with roads and bridges washed out by flooding caused by the remnants of Hurricane Irene. In New York, the towns of Keene in the Adirondacks, and Windham and Phoenicia in the Catskills are effectively isolated by damage to roads and bridges.

(AP Photo/Mary Altaffer)

port supplies to hundreds of residents of 13 towns that have been isolated by floodwater since Sunday.

was ferrying in food, water, medicine, blankets, diapers, baby formula and tarps. □

Gun-trafficking

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The two officials became the highest-profile political casualties yet in the fallout from a disputed effort to take down a weapons-smuggling ring based in Arizona and linked to Mexican drug cartels. Run by the bureau's Phoenix division, the operation, called Operation Fast and Furious, ran from late 2009 to early 2011. Its strategy was to watch suspected "straw" gun buyers, rather than moving as quickly as possible to arrest them and seize the weapons, in the hope of identifying higher-level conspirators — as drug investigations are often conducted. The operation was internally controversial because the firearms bureau traditionally puts a priority on getting guns off the street. It also lacked adequate controls — one straw purchaser bought more than 600 weapons, and agents lost track

of hundreds. Many later turned up at crime scenes in Mexico, and two were recovered at a site in Arizona where a U.S. Border Patrol agent was killed. After that killing, bureau agents opposed to the operation reached out to Congress, and two Republican lawmakers — Rep. Darrell Issa of California, chairman of the House Oversight Committee, and Sen. Charles E. Grassley of Iowa — began an investigation. On Tuesday, they vowed to press on. "Today's announcement is an admission by the Obama administration that serious mistakes were made in Operation Fast and Furious," Grassley said, "and is a step in the right direction that they are continuing to limit any further damage that people involved in this disastrous strategy can do. We're looking for a full accounting from the Justice Department as to who knew what and when, so we can be sure that this ill-advised strategy never happens again." □

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Jeffs moved to prison hospital; condition improved

MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The condition of convicted polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs was upgraded from critical to serious following his move Tuesday to a Texas prison hospital for additional treatment after he became sick while fasting, a state corrections official said. Jeffs was described by Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokeswoman Michelle Lyons as "awake and alert" as he was flown to a Texas prison hospital at Galveston. Jeffs, 55, last week was assigned to the Powledge Unit outside Dallas to serve his life sentence for sexually assaulting underage girls. On Sunday, he told corrections officers

he'd been fasting since his conviction and was ill. He then was taken to the Tyler hospital, about 45 miles (72 kilometers) from his prison. "Whenever possible, we send inmates needing medical attention to Hospital Galveston because it is a secure prison facility," Lyons said. The prison hospital shares quarters with the University of Texas Medical Branch, the Texas prison system's chief medical provider. "This is opposed to conditions at a 'free world' hospital where we must station correctional officers as security," she said. "Basically, once he was stabilized at East Texas Medical Center, we then were able to transport him to a more secure set-

ting where he still will have access to hospital care." There was no estimate on how long he would remain

Saints was expected to make a full recovery. It also was not immediately clear how long Jeffs had gone

cuss it publicly said Monday Jeffs had been in a medically induced coma. Lyons Tuesday disagreed with that description, but said federal regulations covering release of medical information prohibited her from disclosing more. Jeffs was convicted this month after prosecutors used DNA evidence to show he fathered a child with a 15-year-old girl — one of 24 underage girls whom prosecutors say he took as his spiritual wives. He received a life sentence, plus another 20-year term, and isn't eligible for parole until he is at least 100 years old. He had been in a Huntsville prison immediately after his trial, then was moved last week to the Powledge Unit.

This isn't the first time Jeffs has required hospitalization in the years since he first was locked up. He tried to hang himself in January 2007 while awaiting trial on rape charges in Washington County, Utah, according to court documents. He also threw himself against the walls of his cell and banged his head, although he later told a mental health expert he really wasn't trying to kill himself. In the same time period, he was hospitalized for dehydration and depression. □



Warren Jeffs, right, is escorted out of the Tom Green County Courthouse by a law enforcement officer in San Angelo, Texas. The polygamist leader has been hospitalized after not eating or drinking enough.

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at the Galveston hospital but Lyons said the leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day

without food before being hospitalized. An official familiar with Jeffs' condition but not authorized to dis-

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With new law:

New Jersey taking stance on bullying

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Under a tough new state law in New Jersey, lunch-line bullies in the East Hanover schools can be reported to the police by their classmates this fall through anonymous tips to the Crimestoppers hotline. In Elizabeth, children as young as kindergarten age will spend six class periods learning, among other things, the difference between telling and tattling. And at North Hunterdon High School, students will be told that there is no such thing as an innocent bystander when it comes to bullying: If they see it, they have a responsibility to try to stop it. But while many parents and educators welcome the efforts to curb bullying both on campus and online, some superintendents and school board members across New Jersey say the new law, which takes effect Thursday, reaches much too far and complain that they have been given no additional resources to meet its mandates.

The law, known as the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights, is considered the toughest legislation against bullying in the nation.

Propelled by outcry over the suicide of a Rutgers University freshman, Tyler Clementi, nearly a year ago, it demands that all public schools adopt comprehensive anti-bullying policies (there are 18 pages of "required components"), increase staff training and adhere to tight deadlines for reporting episodes. Each school must designate an anti-bullying specialist to investigate complaints; each district must, in turn, have an anti-bullying coordinator; and the State Education Department will evaluate every effort, posting grades on its website. Superintendents said that educators who failed to comply could lose their licenses. "I think this has gone well overboard," said Richard G. Bozza, execu-

tive director of the New Jersey Association of School Administrators. "Now we have to police the community 24 hours a day. Where are the people and the resources to do this?" In most cases, schools are tapping guidance counselors and social workers to double as the new anti-bullying specialists, raising questions of whether they have the time or experience to look into every complaint of harassment or intimidation and write the detailed reports required. Some administrators are also worried that making schools legally responsible for bullying on a wider scale will lead to many more complaints and open the door to lawsuits from students and parents dissatisfied with the outcome.

But supporters of the law say that schools need to do more as conflicts spread from cafeterias and corridors to social media sites, magnifying the effects and making them much harder to shut down. Clementi jumped off the George Washington Bridge after his college roommate secretly streamed video of his dorm-room encounter with another man over the Internet, according to the police. "It's not the traditional bullying: the big kid in the schoolyard saying, 'You're going to do what I say,'" said Richard Bergacs, an assistant principal at North Hunterdon High. Bergacs, who investigates half a dozen complaints of bullying each month, said most involved both comments on the Internet and face-to-face confrontations on campus. "It's gossip, innuendo, rumors – and people getting mad about it," he said. This summer, thousands of school employees attended training sessions on the new law; more than 200 districts have snapped up a \$1,295 package put together by Strauss Esmay Associates, the consulting firm, that includes a 100-page manual and a DVD. □

Cartoonists plan 9/11 anniversary tribute

MATT MOORE

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sept. 11 is etched in the memories of millions, and as the 10th anniversary nears, cartoonists are etching their thoughts and emotions about 9/11 into comic strips. With the anniversary falling on a Sunday, more than 90 cartoonists with five different syndicates have banded together to dedicate their strips on Sept. 11 to those whose lives were lost in the attacks. Sept. 11-themed strips will appear from the writers and artists of "Family Circus," "Mallard Fillmore," "Candorville," "Doonesbury" and "Pluggers," among others.

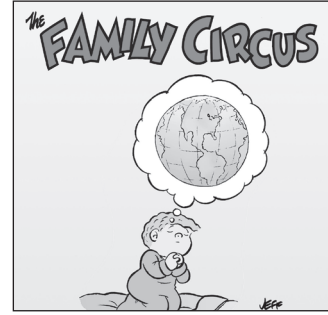
Jeff Keane, who co-authors "The Family Circus," was immediately sold on the idea when approached by King Features, his syndicate.

"I knew that it was something that I think would work for 'Family Circus' if I could find the approach for it," he told The Associated Press. "Because 'Family Circus' is more of a realistic look at family, and I don't necessarily have a cartoon that is a 'joke a day,' but more sentimental and more emotional. It was easier for me to look at it that way."

Jim Borgman, the co-creator of "Zits" with Jerry Scott, about a permanent teenager and his parents, called the coming anniversary something that cannot be ignored.

"As a cartoonist we would have all been wondering 'Is it OK to deal with this topic in our work?' Of course you can, but there is something comforting about the thought that a bunch of us are going to be struggling to say something on that day," he said. "My colleagues — cartoonists — are an astonishingly varied and talented group of people. I fully expect we'll see a broad range of approaches that day."

It is not the first time that cartoonists have banded



In this comic strip image released by King Features Syndicate, a scene is shown in the Family Circus comic strip. With the 10th anniversary of the terror attacks falling on a Sunday, more than 90 cartoonists with five different syndicates have banded together to dedicate their strips on Sept. 11 to those whose lives were lost in the attacks. (AP Photo/King Features Syndicate)

together. Previous efforts have included topics like Earth Day or breast cancer awareness. But the scope of this endeavor is unprecedented, with five syndicates and the newspapers they serve participating: King Features, Creators Syndicate, Tribune Media Services, Universal Press Syndicate and Washington Post Writers Group — and the strips they provide to newspapers participating. The comics, each produced independently by its artist, will be featured in a separate, full-color pull-out section and online the same day at www.cartoonistsremember911.com. □

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Napolitano:

Perry should ask congress for more U.S. border funds

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WASHINGTON – Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Tuesday that Texas Gov. Rick Perry should ask Congress – not the Obama administration – for money to cover the cost of incarcerating illegal immigrants and sending additional National Guard troops to the Texas-Mexico border.

At a breakfast meeting with reporters, Napolitano, a former Arizona governor, said she sympathizes with border state governors who are seeking to offset some of the costs of illegal im-

migration. But she added that Congress must supply the money to the states for housing and Guard troops. "This is not something Congress has been willing to appropriate for," she said. Napolitano also said she hoped that Congress would approve money to station National Guard troops along the southwest border past Sept. 30, the end of the current fiscal year. She said the Guard troops have been "very helpful" but added that if Congress fails to act, the Defense Department would have to decide whether it has the resources available to con-



Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano speaks about the impact of Hurricane Irene at FEMA Headquarters in Washington, Sunday, Aug., 28, 2011. Napolitano said Tuesday that Texas Gov. Rick Perry should ask Congress – not the Obama administration – for money to cover the cost of incarcerating illegal immigrants and sending additional National Guard troops to the Texas-Mexico border.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

government to send the state and its local governments \$349 million to cover the costs of detaining illegal immigrants.

In response to Napolitano's comments, a Perry spokeswoman said Napolitano was passing the buck – and not delivering the bucks.

"It is disappointing to see the head of our nation's Department of Homeland Security passing the buck to Congress on an issue that should be the department's top priority," said deputy press secretary Catherine Frazier. "It is Secretary Napolitano's responsibility to fight for the resources that are necessary to fulfill her agency's role and protect our border with Mexico."

The long-distance exchange between the nation's top homeland security official and the Texas governor's office comes a day after Perry articulated a scathing critique of Obama's security policies during a speech to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in San Antonio.

Napolitano said she has sympathy for border governors who bear the costs of federal immigration policy. "I get it," she said. □

Minorities lead growth in cities

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WASHINGTON – Minorities accounted for 98 percent of the population growth in the nation's largest metropolitan areas over the past decade, according to a new report, as the country's white population continued to stagnate, and in many places, decline.

Hispanics and Asians led population growth in the country's 100 largest metropolitan areas over the past decade, growing by 41 percent and 43 percent respectively. The population of blacks grew by 12 percent, and the aging white population was largely flat, increasing by less than 1 percent.

William H. Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution and the author of the report, also said the U.S. had reached a demographic milestone: About half of all recent births were to minority parents, a shift that will have broad policy implications in the years to come.

The country's largest cities are changing the fastest, Frey said, and provide a snapshot of what the country might look like in the future. Hispanics were 20 percent of the population of large metropolitan areas – defined by the Census Bureau as cities and their suburbs – up from 15 percent in 2000, and 11 percent in 1990. Blacks, the second-largest minority group, accounted for 14 percent of the population of large cities in 2010, unchanged from 2000. Asians totaled 6 percent.

The population increases added 11 million Hispanics to the populations of the largest U.S. cities, nearly 4 million Asians, and 3 million blacks, Frey said. The number of whites increased by just over 400,000.

"Where these large metro areas are now is where the rest of America is headed," Frey said. "The old image of the white and black American population is obsolete."

The white population is aging, with the share of women in their childbearing years shrinking. Hispanics, by contrast, are much younger, with a relatively large portion of Hispanic women in their prime childbearing years.

In large metropolitan areas, the white population represented 57 percent of the total in 2010, down from 71 percent in 1990. □

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Perry, who is seeking the Republican nomination to oppose President Obama in the 2012 election, has been a longtime critic of Napolitano's handling of the U.S.-Mexico border and has repeatedly sought additional federal resources to solve a problem he blames on failed immigration policies

pursued both by former President George W. Bush and Obama.

In an Aug. 10 letter to Napolitano, Perry said the federal government's "failure to properly secure our international borders" had burdened county jails and state prisons with the costs of housing illegal immigrants. He asked the U.S.

Mismanagement blamed for gas disaster in Bay Area

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WASHINGTON – The main cause of the natural gas pipeline rupture in San Bruno, Calif., that killed eight people and burned down three dozen houses in September was 54 years of bad management by the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., and state and federal regulators who did not notice the problem, the National Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday.

The board, by federal law, does not find blame but only "probable cause." But when the five-member board finished reviewing a lengthy staff report on the causes of the accident, it took the unusual step of voting to change the title. Instead of giving only the type of accident and the location, as is customary, it added the name of the company.

"The city of San Bruno did not have this accident," said Robert L. Sumwalt, the board member who proposed the title change.

"The city of San Bruno and her residents were victims of this accident."

The pipeline ruptured at a spot where utility workers installed bad pipe in 1956, skipping half the welds and either not inspecting the finished product or grossly misinterpreting the results, investigators said. But it was not a one-time lapse: The company failed to maintain records or assess risk, to understand its own computerized control centers or to learn from other recent accidents, the investigative agency's staff said Tuesday.

After the rupture, the company spent an extra hour shutting the gas because of poor planning and organization, according to the board. And months later, PG&E was tardy in supplying information about a previous leak from the same pipe, the board said.

A spokesman for PG&E, Brian Swanson, said the company was now focused on following the Safety Board's recommendations. □



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Charities struggle with smaller Wall Street donations

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Operation Hope built a nonprofit powerhouse over the last decade, spinning a stockpile of donations from Wall Street firms into 27 financial education centers across the country.

But the charitable organization's donor base has re-trenched in the wake of the financial crisis. Citigroup's foundation last year cut its giving 60 percent, to \$115,000. The ING Foundation delayed paying its \$300,000 commitment to Operation Hope. And the CIT Group, a lender that was once one of the organization's biggest benefactors, stopped giving altogether.

"Companies don't realize I've got payroll and lease payments just like they do," said John Hope Bryant, who started Operation Hope after spending six years as a

banker in Los Angeles.

While Wall Street has slowly returned from the depths of the financial crisis, nonprofit groups that have come to depend on the industry's donations are still struggling. With the global market turmoil and the threat



Trader Luigi Muccitelli, right, checks the numbers as he works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

The pool of potential donors has not fully recovered, either. Lehman Brothers, which gave \$39 million to charity in 2007, filed for bankruptcy a year later. Bank of America, which agreed to buy Merrill Lynch in 2008, gave \$208 million to

million.

Although some stalwarts like Goldman Sachs are giving more, they are also shaking up their philanthropic programs. With banks transferring cash to programs that carry the company name, several charitable partnerships have ended.

The changing nature of Wall Street giving has touched many corners of the nonprofit world. While companies represent a small percentage of overall philanthropy, financial firms accounted for the largest amount of corporate cash donations in 2010, roughly \$2.11 billion, according to the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy, a group backed by various industries that aim to promote their giving.

The pullback is most problematic for charities with a financial bent, like those that counsel low-income borrowers or train aspiring entrepreneurs. Wall Street

has historically been the main source of money for such organizations.

Donations to the Sifma Foundation, which underwrites financial literacy programs for students, dropped in 2009 to \$4 million from \$4.7 million. With less money at its disposal, the foundation cut its grant-making 36 percent, to \$420,000. The foundation is the charitable arm of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, a Wall Street trade group. Although Operation Hope received record donations in 2009, its financing dropped 20 percent earlier this year. In turn, the group had to dig into reserves to float projects that lost financing, lay off 14 people and shut its Boston counseling center in June.

In an era of cost-cutting and layoffs, Wall Street philanthropy is a delicate balancing act. Give too little, and banks are called greedy. □

Most American Muslims reject extremism, but some see support for it in their communities

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The Denver Post - U.S. Muslims continue to reject Islamic extremism by much larger margins than Muslims in other countries, yet a significant minority, 21 percent, report seeing some support for it in their Muslim-American community, according to a new survey released Monday.

As the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks approaches, a comprehensive public-opinion survey by the Pew Research Center found no indication of increased anger or alienation among American Muslims in response to concerns about Islamic terrorists and controversies about new mosques at ground zero in New York City and

elsewhere in the United States.

Muslims in the U.S. themselves, about 61 percent of them surveyed, express concern about the rise of Islamic extremism.

However, 40 percent of the general U.S. population perceives a fair amount or a great deal of support for extremism among U.S. Muslims.

And while nearly a quarter

of the general public believes such support for extremists is increasing, only 4 percent of Muslims agree. About 38 percent of U.S. Muslims surveyed report they are bothered by a sense that American Muslims are singled out for increased government surveillance (airport security, law enforcement, etc.). A 2007 Pew survey found the percentage of those be-

lieving that four years ago was 39 percent.

Yet, about 82 percent of American Muslims said they are overwhelmingly satisfied with the way things are going in their lives and 79 percent rate their communities as good or excellent places to live.

The survey of 1,033 American Muslims conducted April 14 through July 22 in English, Arabic, Farsi and

Urdu, has a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Pew demographers estimate there are 1.8 million Muslim adults and a total of 2.75 million American Muslims of all ages.

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Libyan rebels say closing in on Gadhafi

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Associated Press

HEISHA, Libya (AP) — Libyan rebels say they're closing in on Moammar Gadhafi and issued an ultimatum Tuesday to regime loyalists in the fugitive dictator's hometown of Sirte, his main remaining bastion: surrender this weekend or face an attack.

"We have a good idea where he is," a top rebel leader said.

The rebels, tightening their grip on Libya after a military blitz, also demanded that Algeria return Gadhafi's wife and three of his children who fled there Monday. Granting asylum to his family, including daughter Aisha who gave birth in Algeria on Tuesday, was an "enemy act," said Ahmed al-Darrad, the rebels' interior minister.

Rebel leaders insisted they are slowly restoring order in the war-scarred capital of Tripoli after a week of fighting, including deploying police and collecting garbage. Reporters touring Tripoli still saw chaotic scenes, including desperate motorists stealing fuel from a gas station.

In the capital's Souk al Jumma neighborhood, about 200 people pounded on the doors of a bank, demanding that it open.

Civil servants said they were told they would receive a 250-dinar (about \$200) advance on their salaries for the three-day Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr, which starts

Wednesday in Libya.

Rebel fighters were converging on the heavily militarized town of Sirte, some 250 miles (400 kilometers) east of Tripoli.

The rebels gave pro-Gadhafi forces there a dead-

you must shed blood, and the faster we do this, the less blood we will shed."

In an overnight phone call to AP headquarters in New York, Gadhafi's chief spokesman, Moussa Ibrahim said the rebels' ultima-

on the regime stronghold of Sirte had killed 1,000 people and left scores more injured during public prayers marking Eid. He said 12 missiles were fired, possibly from airplanes seen circling overhead.

There has been speculation that Gadhafi is seeking refuge in Sirte or one of the other remaining regime strongholds, among them the towns of Bani Walid or Sabha.

"Gadhafi is now fleeing — and we have a good idea where he is," Tarhouni said, without elaborating. "We don't have any doubt that we will catch him."

Ibrahim said he thinks that NATO believes Gadhafi is in Sirte "because much of his family and tribe is there."

"Maybe they have been advised by some of the leaders of the rebels to attack the city with such vigor and power in hope that the leader is there praying with his people," he told AP.

Ibrahim would not disclose Gadhafi's whereabouts except to say that he is "in Libya of course" and not planning to leave the country. Ibrahim said he himself was "somewhere south of Tripoli."

Some 90 miles (150 kilometers) west of Sirte, about a dozen armored, gun-mounted trucks were parked at a staging ground in the desert. A highway overpass provided some shade for rebels, most dressed in T-shirts and camouflage pants.

Commander Ismail Shallouf said patrols have gone 30 miles (50 kilometers) closer to Sirte, and occasionally have exchanged fire with Gadhafi fighters. □



A Libyan hangs a banner in Martyr Square to remind rebel fighters not to shoot in the air while celebrating in Tripoli, Libya. Libyan rebels say they're closing in on Moammar Gadhafi and issued an ultimatum Tuesday to regime loyalists in the fugitive dictator's hometown of Sirte, his main remaining bastion: surrender this weekend or face an attack.

(AP Photo/Giulio Petrocco)

The spokesman said he got the information on a satellite phone call with doctors and security personnel in Sirte.

The alleged attack could not be immediately confirmed.

The regime has consistently exaggerated casualty tolls.

line of Saturday — the day after the end of the Muslim holiday — to complete negotiations and surrender. After that, the rebels will "act decisively and militarily," said Mustafa Abdul-Jalil, the head of the rebels' National Transitional Council.

His deputy, Ali Tarhouni, said in Tripoli that "sometimes to avoid bloodshed

tium would be rejected.

"No dignified honorable nation would accept an ultimatum from armed gangs," he said.

Ibrahim reiterated Gadhafi's offer to send his son al-Saadi to negotiate with rebels and form a transitional government.

The spokesman also claimed that a Tuesday afternoon missile attack



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AFGHANISTAN—The new commander of American Special Operations forces has defended the use of commandos in a Navy SEALs unit to back up a raid in Afghanistan earlier this month that ended in tragedy when a Chinook helicopter was shot down, rejecting criticism that planning for the operation was different from other missions that had been carried out successfully, as many as a dozen on a typical night.

The commander, Adm. William H. McRaven, said "there was nothing unusual about this mission" to warrant the sustained criticism heard from some retired commandos and military analysts, who have questioned how the operation was planned and carried out and whether it was an appropriate use of the vaunted Navy SEALs.

The military is studying the Aug. 6 crash to determine the exact cause. Early indications are that an insurgent's rocket-propelled grenade brought down the Chinook helicopter, killing all 38 people on board: 17 members of the elite Navy SEALs, five members of a Naval Special Warfare unit that supports the SEALs team, three members of an Air Force Special Operations unit, five members of an Army helicopter crew, seven Afghan commandos and a civilian Afghan interpreter.

McRaven said he was awaiting the specific findings of the inquiry, but noted broadly that "this was one of 11 missions that night." In an interview, his first since being sworn in as the top officer of the Special Operations Command two weeks ago, McRaven said, "We will do whatever it takes to help the nation win this war – and this mission was not unique." Since the crash, which resulted in the greatest loss of American life on a single day in the Afghan war, some analysts have questioned why an elite Navy SEALs strike team was assigned as mere backup for an Army Ranger raid on an insurgent cell, and why so many Special Operations personnel were aboard a single helicopter.

McRaven dismissed assertions that the mostly highly trained Navy and Army commando teams should be reserved solely for the most high-profile missions; he said they were regularly assigned to support commanders of units in a local area of combat if that contributed to the overall mission.

"We have to be fungible as a force," McRaven said. "And if we are not fungible as a force, then we are not of value. It is not unusual at all for SEALs or Rangers or Army Special Operations forces to be part of a quick-reaction force, as in this case." □

Surge in global migration has expanded aid group's influence

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DHAKA, Bangladesh – As global migration has rapidly expanded, so has the influence of a little-known group whose eclectic work shapes migrants' lives across six continents.

Here in Bangladesh it has staged folk dramas to warn against sex trafficking, put solar panels on a remote border post and rescued tens of thousands of Bangladeshi workers caught in the Libyan war, at times with daring sea ventures that defied rocket attacks. Part think tank, part handyman crew, the International Organization for Migration has become the who-you-gonna-call outfit for 132 member countries grappling with the surge in migration, both legal and unauthorized. Its rapid growth is a sign that migration has outgrown most countries' ability to manage on their own. "I haven't made it to a country yet where migration hasn't been high on the list of priorities," said William L. Swing, the director general.

Yet even as its duties grow, the group operates under tight constraints that reflect the special worries migration can arouse. The United States and other rich donors largely dictate its agenda and insure it does not erode their power to decide which migrants

they admit and how many. "It helps them bring in the people they want and keep out the people they don't," said Joseph Cha-

accounts for 13 percent of the economy – making the export of people nearly as vital as the export of shirts. But migrants borrow heav-



Shofiqul Islam, center, a worker whom the International Organization for Migration helped to leave Libya and return to his home, talks with a group of men, in Bangladesh. The rapid growth of the International Organization for Migration is a sign that migration has outgrown most countries' ability to manage refugees and on their own.

(Shahidul Alam/The New York Times)

mie, a researcher at the Center for Migration Studies in New York.

To understand the group's rapid growth and varied duties consider Bangladesh, where the \$10 billion that migrants send home

ily to finance their trips, and the labor recruiting industry is rife with scams.

Since Bangladesh joined in 1991, the organization has sponsored dozens of projects to promote its goal of "managed" migration. □

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Amnesty alleges death, torture in Syrian prisons

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Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — A human rights group said it believed that at least 88 people, ten of them children, have died in detention in Syria during five months of anti-government protests — a dramatic increase that coincides with the government's bloody crackdown. Some of the victims were as young as 13, Amnesty International said Tuesday. It said that in recent years the annual number of deaths behind Syrian bars has been about five.

"These deaths behind bars are reaching massive proportions, and appear to be an extension of the same brutal disdain for life that we are seeing daily on the streets of Syria," said Neil Sammonds, Amnesty International's researcher on Syria.

Sammonds also said the group had heard accounts of horrific torture. "We believe the Syrian government to be systematically persecuting its own people on a vast scale," he said.

The victims, all men or boys, were arrested after mass protests began in March. All the victims are believed to have been detained because they were suspected of being involved in the protests, Amnesty said in a report.

In at least 52 of the cases



Protesters burn a picture of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad during a protest in Athens following prayers marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan, on Tuesday Aug. 30, 2011. About 300 people marched through the city center to protest against the Syrian regime's violent suppression of pro-reform protesters.

(AP Photo/Kostas Tsironis)

there was evidence that torture or ill-treatment caused or contributed to the deaths, the report said.

The group said it had seen video clips relating to 45 of the cases, and had asked independent forensic pathologists to review a number of them.

It said injuries on many of the bodies indicate the victims may have suffered beatings, burns, whippings, slashings and stabbings.

The report cited the case of Hamza Ali al-Khateeb, a 13-year-old who disappeared April 29 during protests against the siege of Dera'a, and was later

found dead with apparent blunt force injuries and a severed penis. Most of the cases in the report occurred in the Homs and Dera'a governorates, which have seen major protests.

Deaths in detention have also been reported in five other governorates — Damascus and Rif Damashq, Idlib, Hama and Aleppo, Amnesty said.

It also cited the case of a doctor from Aleppo, whose body — discovered by the side of a road a few days after his arrest — had broken ribs, arms and fingers, as well as gouged eyes and mutilated genitals. □

Western officials seek softer approach to Nigerian militants

ADAM NOSSITER

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ABUJA, Nigeria — Amid increasing evidence that the Nigerian government's heavy-handed strategy for containing a radical Islamist sect has failed, some Western officials are urging a new and less militarized approach.

The suicide bombing of the U.N. headquarters here Friday, which killed 23 people, has added urgency to their appeal, demonstrating that the sect, Boko Haram, has expanded its scope well beyond domestic targets.

Far from being crushed by Nigerian firepower, Boko Haram, which claimed responsibility for the attack, appears to be confirming the worst fears of Western analysts and diplomats — that repression is hastening its transformation into a menacing transnational force, with possible links to al-Qaida's North African affiliates. Repeated Nigerian military incursions against the group have yielded many civilian casualties but still not stopped Boko Haram. It merely went underground after a bloody operation against it in 2009 and now carries out regular attacks against the Nigerian government.

"I think we'd like to see Ni-

geria take a more holistic approach," said the U.S. ambassador here, Terence P. McCulley, in an interview at the well-guarded and fortress-like U.S. Embassy in the Nigerian capital.

"Clearly, the 2009 tactics may have contributed to the current direction," he said, adding that the Nigerian security forces should not jeopardize civilians in their operations. He suggested that government "address the grievances" of the northern population on economic and social matters.

Boko Haram continues to call for a strict application of Sharia law and the freeing of imprisoned members in northern Nigeria, where mass unemployment and poverty have fueled social discontent. Overall, some 50 million youth are underemployed, the World Bank says, in a country of 154 million. Despite abundant oil revenues, incomes have barely budged in 30 years, life expectancy is only 48 and the country remains one of the most economically unequal in the world, the United Nations says.

In the wake of Friday's bombing, analysts and officials warn that those factors make repression a poor tactic for confronting Boko Haram. □

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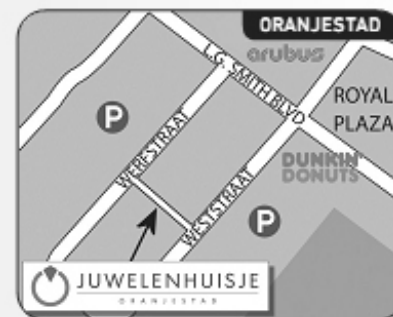
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Dominicans: sympathy for Haitians fades

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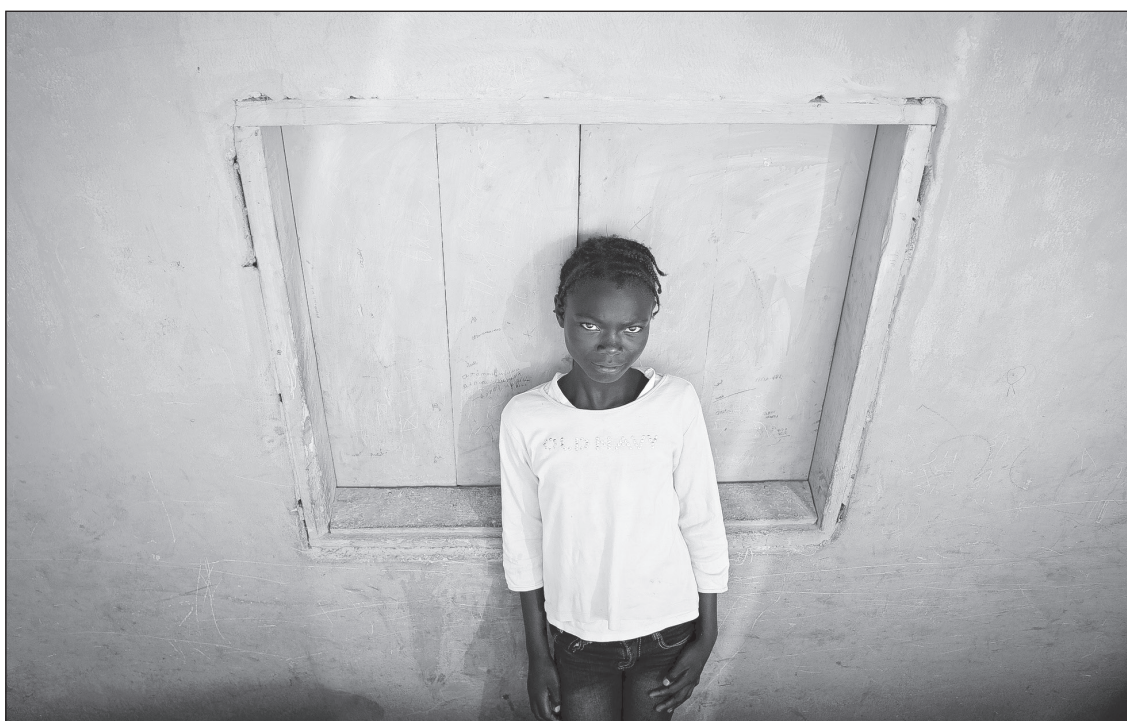
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CHENE, Dominican Republic – They have been

blamed for cholera, taking jobs and driving up crime, and now, with memories of the earthquake and the bonhomie it generated rapidly fading, this country is taking action: It is deporting Haitian refugees, turning them away from the border and generally making their lives difficult.

The police and military near the border, with little more to go on but darker skin color and a failure to produce identification, have stopped cars and buses and forced them to Haiti, human rights groups say. The Dominicans also are using a new law to deny citizenship to children of illegal immigrants and deport people who had been born and lived here for years, advocacy groups contend. The deportations are a sign of impatience with the limping recovery in Haiti and the waning international sympathy for its enduring troubles. Haiti and its international donors are far behind in helping the hundreds of thousands still living in makeshift camps and the millions without formal jobs, a crisis worsened by a political stalemate that has blocked Haiti's new president, Michel Martelly, from forming a new government more than 100 days after taking office.

"It's kind of an unsolvable issue," said Robert Maguire, a Haiti scholar at George Washington University. "The truth is when Haitians leave,



A child at a migrant registration, with other Haitians who left their country after the 2010 earthquake, in the village of Chene, Dominican Republic, Aug. 10, 2011. The Dominican Republic and several other countries are looking to end the grace period given to Haitians after the earthquake, but they are being urged by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees that Haiti is not yet ready to take back its people.

(Richard Perry / The New York Times)

to the Dominican Republic and other places, they tend to do well or at least better than in Haiti, so they keep leaving." Several countries bestowed an effective grace period on Haitian migrants and refugees after the earthquake on Jan. 12, 2010, but that appears to be ending. The Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees recently urged countries to reverse a new wave of deportations to Haiti because conditions remain precarious there. Haiti "cannot yet ensure adequate protection or care especially for some vulnerable groups in case of return," the statement said. Deportees have also come from Jamaica and the Bahamas, accord-

ing to aid organizations in Haiti. The United States resumed deporting Haitians several months after the quake, and U.S. immigration officials say they expect to deport some 700 this year, focusing on people convicted of crimes. Dominican officials say they have borne the brunt of both quake refugees and recent economic migrants, adding to a steady flow of people from Haiti who have slipped through the porous border for decades to cut sugar cane, harvest coffee beans, work construction and do other low-wage jobs. Last week, Jose Ricardo Taveras, the nation's new immigration director, a member of a political party

known for its hard line on immigration, lashed out at the United Nations for failing to slow the influx. Last month, he cited estimates of the 500,000 or more Haitians in this country, telling local journalists that "nobody can resist an invasion of that nature" and that thousands of Haitians had been deported.

Right after the earthquake, the Dominican Republic, a nation with a history of both conflict and cooperation with Haiti, its poorer sibling on the island of Hispaniola, was among the first to offer aid. It sent teams to assess the damage and deliver food and medicine, eased visa requirements to allow the injured into Dominican hospitals and opened staging areas for relief shipments. □

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Vets final resting place a new battleground over prayer

JAMES DAO

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Every week, thousands of veterans are buried at national cemeteries, often to the baleful sound of a bugle. Yet even for families that quietly mourn their dead, these can be the most public of private affairs, taking on deep meaning – about politics, war and religion – to others, particularly other veterans. So it is that in Houston, with one of the nation's busiest national cemeteries, controversy exploded when the new cemetery director began enforcing a little-noticed 2007 policy that prohibits volunteer honor guards from including recitations – even religious ones – in their funeral rituals, unless families specifically request them. The new enforcement outraged members of local veterans organizations who have long infused their ceremonies with references to God.

This summer, they filed a lawsuit against the Department of Veterans Affairs that has turned the national cemetery into a battleground over the role of prayer in veterans' burials. The plaintiffs, aided by a conservative legal group, the Liberty Institute, contend they should be allowed to use a Veterans of Foreign Wars script dating from World War I that refers to the deceased as "a brave man" with an "abiding faith in God" and that seeks comfort from an "almighty and merciful God." The institute has broadcast the dispute nationwide with slick videos and a website declaring that "Jesus is not welcome at gravesides."

"In all these years, we've not had one complaint," said Inge Conley, a retired Army master sergeant who is commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, District 4, one of the plaintiffs.

The lawsuit and videos have generated angry letters and Internet commentary against the Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as demands from members of the Texas congressional delegation, mostly Republicans, that



Graves at the Houston National Cemetery in Texas, Aug. 26, 2011. The new cemetery director began enforcing a 2007 policy that affects prayer at funerals, leading local veterans groups to file suit against the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(Michael Stravato/The New York Times)

the Obama administration fire the Houston cemetery director, Arleen Ocasio. Department of Veterans Affairs officials say that the policy, enacted under President George W. Bush, resulted from complaints about religious words or icons being inserted unrequested into veterans'

funerals. They noted that active duty military honor guards, including the teams that do funerals at Arlington National Cemetery, say almost nothing during their ceremonies.

"We do what the families wish," said Steve L. Muro, the under secretary for memorial affairs. "I always tell

my employees we have just one chance to get it right."

Although two of the largest veterans organizations, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, have criticized the Houston National Cemetery, some veterans' advocates have risen to the department's

support. Those advocates say that families who want prayers can have them and assert that the Liberty Institute has blown the dispute out of proportion to embarrass the Obama administration.

Lawyers with the Liberty Institute deny that.

Jim Strickland, a Vietnam-era veteran who runs a blog called VAWatchdog-today.org, said that he had not heard of similar problems at other national cemeteries and that the fight in Houston boiled down to a local power struggle over funeral rituals.

"The message was that the people in Houston should not do this VFW ritual uninvited, and they did not want to hear that," Strickland said.

The veterans department buries 110,000 people – most of them veterans, but some family members – each year in the 131 national cemeteries it oversees. □

How to deflate a gold bubble (that might not even exist)

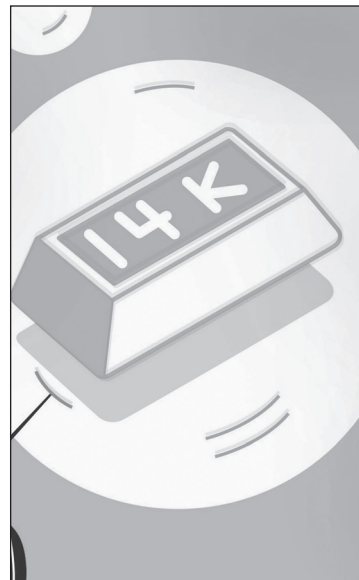
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The price of gold reached an all-time high of \$1,917.90 an ounce last week, and then promptly plummeted by about \$120 an ounce. The volatile trading is again spurring claims that gold is in a bubble, one that will pop badly.

As with past booms in housing prices and Internet stocks, the four-year surge in gold prices raises the same fundamental questions for market regulators. How should they react? Should they react at all? How do they even know if a bubble exists?

It is clear that speculation has been driving gold's rise. People are buying gold as either a hedge against inflation or economic calamity or solely because they think the price will rise. As evidence of this speculation, the World Gold Council reports that demand for gold bullion bars more than doubled from 2009, to about 850 metric tons a year. This is largely gold that is bought and sits there as people wait for price increases. Indeed, demand



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for gold in industry and for jewelry has actually declined by 18 percent from 2004, to about 2,500 metric tons a year, according to the World Gold Council.

This speculation is aided by the financial revolution. Previously, gold could be bought by retail investors only through dealers and

street shops. Now anyone can go on the Internet, click and buy gold in the market through exchange traded funds. These funds will buy gold on the investor's behalf, and now hold about 2,250 metric tons of gold – or nearly a year's worth of output.

Speculation alone doesn't necessarily mean that gold is in a bubble. Gold is historically viewed as a protection against inflation and tumultuous economic times. It is a way to diversify a portfolio and hedge these risks. The price rise can be explained by people rationally betting that these events will occur. This is particularly true in light of the heightened risks to the economy because of events in Europe and the still lingering effects from the financial crisis in the United States.

But like paper money, gold is only worth what people believe it's worth, and because of this, it is sometimes referred to as the barbarous relic. You can't eat gold. Its industrial uses are limited. If someone else doesn't assign the same value to gold

that you do, you are out of luck. For those who predict it will be valuable if society completely collapses, guns and canned goods might come in handier.

Gold's relative uselessness has helped spur talk of a bubble. The problem for regulators is whether this speculation is natural, prudent hedging or people irrationally piling ever more into a bubbly asset.

After all, Alan Greenspan, the former Federal Reserve chairman, speculated that the stock market might be "irrationally exuberant" in 1996, well before the actual bubble took hold. Like the Internet bubble, we will only know if a bubble truly existed if and when gold falls. In his book "Irrational Exuberance," Robert Schiller of Yale University tried to set forth a test for spotting bubbles. Bubbles are created when people buy in to the next great thing. They accept that this is a game-changing asset – like housing or the Internet – that cannot fail. As more people buy the asset, the speculation and frenzy increase. □



Windows On Aruba Restaurant Recognized for Excellence

Druid Beach – It gave Divi's Managing Director Alex Nieuwmeyer great pleasure to compliment and praise his restaurant staff, at Windows on Aruba, for receiving the ultimate endorsement from Caribbean Travel + Life Magazine. The restaurant was recently nominated in the "Best Restaurant" category for Caribbean Travel + Life magazine's "Best of the Caribbean" 2011 Readers' Choice Awards. It is the only restaurant in Aruba in the running for the distinction. Voting has just opened via the magazine's website, and votes will be accepted between now and October 15th. The winners will be announced in the January/February "Best of the Caribbean" special issue of the magazine and will also appear on the website. The magazine annually polls 17,000 discerning readers whose passion for the Caribbean is matched only by their desire to share it. To reach the voting page, go to www.CaribbeanTravelMag.com/bestofpoll. Nieuwmeyer celebrated the prestigious nomination with members of the kitchen brigade and members of the dining room staff over flutes of champagne. He also shared with his cadre a special edition of



the restaurant's Cabernet Sauvignon, with a customized label, attesting to the restaurant achievements in culinary excellence, namely being voted the #1 restaurant on Restaurant-sAruba.com and already winning an award of excel-



lence by Caribbean Travel magazine 2011, as the Best Restaurant in the Caribbean. Pictured here the celebration at Windows on Aruba, as Nieuwmeyer congratulates his team for serving the best in steak and fish on the island. Windows on Aruba Restaurant is located at Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort. The elegant restaurant on the second floor of the Divi Links club house offers diners a panoramic view of the golf course with the Caribbean visible beyond hole #9. Open for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch the restaurant is a favorite among Aruba's business executives, local government officials and visiting lovers of gourmet food preparation and unique food combinations. □



Refreshing temperatures at Salt and Pepper restaurant



PALM BEACH - During the month of August Aruba was sweltering in the heat - high temperatures of more than 90 degrees Fahrenheit kept everyone huffing and puffing away.

These windless days are part of the weather system in this region, so one can prepare oneself and select the coolest places on the island in August and September.

One of those spots is Salt and Pepper restaurant in the Arawak Garden, where a new air conditioning system is keeping everyone nice and cool and in a good mood.

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Spouse Shopping Program at DUFY and Diamonds International, as well as several activities with Fofoti Travel & Tours. Mini Tsunami entertained while the food & beverage team of Ventanas del Mar served oriental-accented snacks and free flowing drinks. The tournament was sponsored by Balashi Beer, AWA & Chill Balashi, Diamonds International, DUFY, Fofoti Tour & Transfer, Tiara Air, Coca Cola, TropicCars, Compra NV and Aruba Aloe. Pictured here snapshots from the cocktail reception at the club house. □

WEST PUNT – Golfers and their family members were treated to an elegant welcome reception at Tierra del Sol Golf Resort, Country Club & Spa, over cocktails, hors d'oeuvres & live music. The golfers were on the island to play the Aruba International Pro-Am Golf Tournament 2011, which unfolded this weekend on the championship golf



Djokovic wins in walkover at U.S. Open

Novak Djokovic of Serbia shakes hands with Conor Niland of Ireland after their match in the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011.

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Former prodigy Adu takes a 2nd kick at MLS

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

CHESTER, Pa. (AP) — Freddy Adu can say it now. He was spoiled.

A pro at just 14, the youngest ever to play for the U.S. two years later, Adu was christened the next Pele — and the petulant teen phenom believed the hype. When he was benched, Adu lashed out at the disciplinarian coach. When he turned 16, Adu drove a 2006 BMW 330i and proclaimed, "everything is me in this car." He was billed as the next one-word superstar like Tiger, LeBron, Shaq. He would win World Cups for the United States and maybe play for Arsenal or Chelsea by his early 20s.

Yet six years after his debut in Major League Soccer, Adu was miles removed from England's Premier League or even a packed house in Washington roaring in delight, tingling in anticipation of each move by soccer's boy wonder.

He sat scared in Greece on his team's bus as it was attacked by overzealous fans. His own team's fans. Hooligans pelted the bus with rocks and shattered windows all because Adu's Aris FC lost a game in Thessaloniki to its city rival. Waiting for police to clear a lane back to the hotel, Adu's lone thought was, get me out of here.

"It was one of the craziest things to happen to me," Adu said. "I'm like, man, this is not what I envisioned when I wanted to be a pro athlete."

Few parts of his career have developed the way Adu expected.

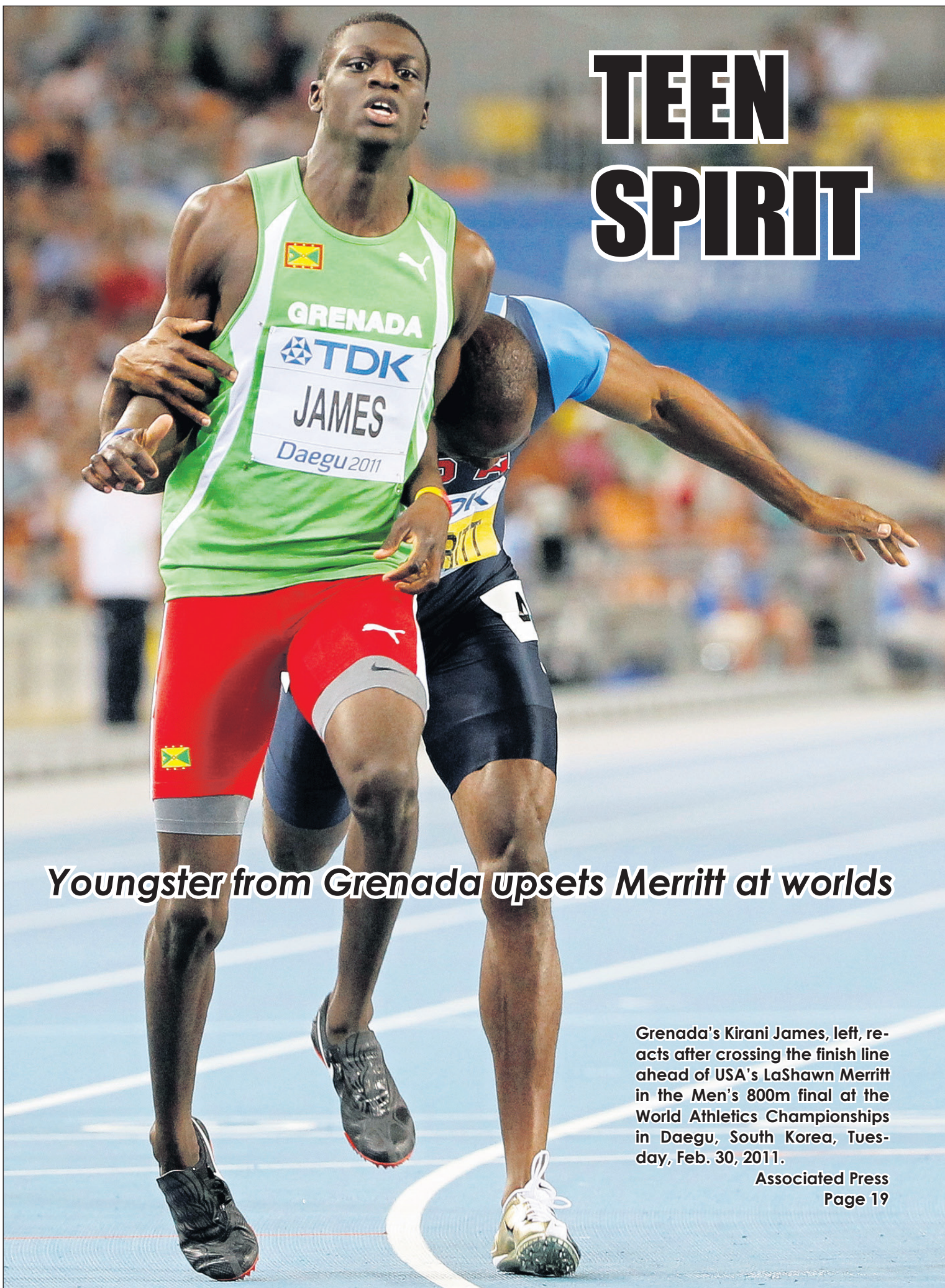
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TEEN SPIRIT

Youngster from Grenada upsets Merritt at worlds

Grenada's Kirani James, left, reacts after crossing the finish line ahead of USA's LaShawn Merritt in the Men's 800m final at the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea, Tuesday, Feb. 30, 2011.

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Djokovic likes 'great opening performance' at Open

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Didn't take too long to see that Novak Djokovic's right shoulder is feeling fine.

Which was good, because he was on court for less than an hour Tuesday.

He began his first-round match at the U.S. Open with a 121 mph service winner. Four points later, he closed that game with a 120 mph ace. He whipped forehands exactly where he wanted them. He returned well, too.

Playing his first match since Aug. 21, when he quit because of a sore and tired shoulder, the top-seeded Djokovic began setting aside any questions about his fitness for Flushing Meadows, building a 6-0, 5-1 lead before qualifier Conor Niland of Ireland stopped after 44 minutes. Niland had food poisoning.

"Great opening performance," Djokovic declared. "Today I didn't feel any pain. I served well, and I played well, so I have no concern."

He improved to 58-2 with nine titles in 2011, including at Wimbledon and the



Ana Ivanovic of Serbia returns a shot to Ksenia Pervak of Russia during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011.

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Australian Open, allowing the 24-year-old Serb to overtake Rafael Nadal — the defending U.S. Open champion who played his first-round match Tuesday night — atop the rankings. Djokovic is on his way to compiling one of the greatest seasons in tennis history, particularly if he can earn his first championship at the U.S. Open, where in the past four years he's lost twice in the final and twice in the semifinals.

"This year has been tremendous — best so far in my ca-



Rafael Nadal, of Spain, returns to Andrey Golubev, of Kazakhstan, during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011.

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reer — and there has been a lot of talk about history-making and this incredible run," Djokovic said.

His showing Tuesday was the most noteworthy development in the men's draw during an afternoon session that included a second

consecutive first-round departure from the U.S. Open by the sixth-seeded French Open champion Li Na. Since becoming China's first major singles champion at Paris in June, Li has gone 5-6, exiting in the second round at Wimbledon, then losing 6-2, 7-5 to 53rd-ranked Simona Halep of Romania on Tuesday.

"Terrible feeling," Li said. "I really want to do well after Roland Garros. But, I mean, it's not easy to do. Always easy to say, 'I want to do, I would like to do,' but always lose early. Now I even lose all the confidence on the court. I was feeling, 'Oh, tennis just too tough for me.'"

It's the first time in 40 years that none of the women's champions at a season's first three Grand Slam tournaments reached the second round at the U.S. Open. Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova lost her first-round match Monday, while Australian Open champion Kim Clijsters withdrew because of a stomach muscle injury.

The active leader for women's Grand Slam titles, Serena Williams, was to follow Nadal in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Tuesday night. Earlier, top-seeded Caro-

line Wozniacki — who's been ranked No. 1 for most of the past year but is still in search of Grand Slam trophy No. 1 — defeated 125th-ranked Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain 6-3, 6-1. Afterward, Wozniacki was asked about criticisms that she lacks a big-time shot.

"They can say what they want," said Wozniacki, who is dating U.S. Open golf champion Rory McIlroy. "I'm the type of player I am."

Among the past major winners who advanced Tuesday were 2010 French Open champion Francesca Schiavone, who overcame 16 double-faults, including four in her last service game; 2008 French Open champion Ana Ivanovic, whose blood pressure was checked by a trainer at the final change-over and said afterward she felt overwhelmed while thinking about the recent death of her grandfather; and two-time Grand Slam champion Svetlana Kuznetsova.

Other winners included No. 4 Victoria Azarenka, No. 10 Andrea Petkovic, No. 11 Jelena Jankovic and three young Americans: Sloane Stephens, CoCo Vandeweghe and Vania King.

Two seeded men lost during the day: No. 16 Mikhail Youzhny was beaten by Ernests Gulbis of Latvia 6-2, 6-4, 6-4, and No. 32 Ivan Dodig was eliminated 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-0, 2-6, 6-2 by Nikolay Davydenko of Russia, who was a U.S. Open semifinalist in 2006 and 2007 and once was ranked No. 3 but now is 39th.

Winners included No. 5 David Ferrer, No. 11 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, No. 17 Jurgen Melzer and Americans James Blake and Donald Young.

Tsonga's next opponent is Sergei Bubka, the son of the pole-vault world record-holder of the same name, who is a qualifier ranked 207th and won his first Grand Slam match Tuesday.

Bubka and Djokovic are the same age and both live in Monte Carlo, so they have practiced together on occasion. □

All events live in some form for Olympics on NBC

By RACHEL COHEN

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC's Olympic coverage in London will look very familiar, with one major twist.

For the first time, the network plans to show every event live in some form — even if it's just raw video streaming online. But the prime-time broadcasts will still use that traditional formula of human-interest features and taped competition.

The man behind that coverage will be someone steeped in the NBC philosophy of packaging the Olympics for a wide audience. NBC announced Tuesday that "Today" executive producer Jim Bell would serve in that role for the 2012 Games. He fills the spot held by Dick Ebersol, who resigned as chair of NBC Sports Group in May. Earlier in his career, Bell was coordinating producer for

NBC Olympics under Ebersol. "That's what our approach on the Olympics has been and what it will continue to be," said Mark Lazarus, who replaced Ebersol atop NBC Sports Group. "Having Jim do that for the Olympics assures we'll have that sensibility." Except the prime-time programming bearing that sensibility will no longer be the first opportunity viewers have to watch who wins the gold. Ebersol was adamant even as he left NBC that showing events live during the day would hurt overall ratings. But to Lazarus, the sports fan of today demands immediacy — and that doesn't have to be mutually exclusive to highly stylized broadcasts aired when people are most likely to be sitting in front of the TV. "I believe in that, and that will be some philosophical shift from my

predecessor," Lazarus told The Associated Press.

Next year's Olympics will test whether those broadcasts will still be highly rated, too. "You can show things in its rawest form to satisfy that immediacy," Lazarus said, "and then you can package it and make it a bigger story and broader and more inclusive of other elements, and people will watch it again and bring others with them."

The blending of old and new with the Olympics is just a piece of the broader evolution at NBC Sports that Lazarus is in the middle of. Comcast took over NBCUniversal in January, bringing new bosses — and the resources of the company's sports cable networks.

Lazarus, an outsider to both sides, came aboard as president of the NBC Sports Cable Group with the merger. □



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Youngster from Grenada upsets Merritt at worlds

PAT GRAHAM
AP Sports Writer

DAEGU, South Korea (AP) — On a lean, LaShawn Merritt lost to the kid.

And with a stumble, the American 400-meter runner was introduced to world champion Kirani James, grabbing the back of the teenager's jersey to prevent himself from falling to the track after crossing the finish line.

A memorable first meeting and possibly the start of a robust rivalry.

James, the up-and-comer from the tiny Caribbean island of Grenada, used a late surge Tuesday to steal Merritt's title at the world championships.

With that, James put Merritt on notice: There's a new kid in the blocks, and he's pretty good.

He's even drawing comparisons to Jamaican sensation Usain Bolt.

"I don't want to be the next Usain Bolt," said James, who turns 19 on Thursday. "I'm happy in my own skin. I'm on the right track to great things."

Understandably, Merritt was a little rusty. This was his first major meet since serving a 21-month suspension for using a banned substance that his lawyer said was the result of a male-enhancement product. He lost steam with about 10 meters to go, opening the door for James.

"He (James) is a great competitor," Merritt said as

the Americans failed to win gold in the 400 for the first time since 2001. "I didn't quite have a good day."

Their next major meeting could come at the London Olympics. Provided, of course, Merritt is allowed to compete.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport will deliver a verdict on the IOC's "six-month rule," which took effect in 2008 and prevents athletes who receive doping bans of more than six months from competing at the next Summer or Winter Games. A decision is expected to be rendered in late September.

"I'm really not thinking about that," Merritt said. "I'll deal with that when it comes."

James ran a personal-best time of 44.60 seconds to edge Merritt by 0.03 and win Grenada its first medal at the worlds.

He said he's certain the folks in his hometown of Gouyave, a small fishing community, will be celebrating.

"Everyone is happy," James said. "It is Carnival back home now."

It's not like James is an overnight success. He won the world junior title last year and a U.S. college crown last June when he ran for the University of Alabama. His tall frame and ability to dominate have led to those comparisons to another sprinter.

"Every step of the way,



Grenada's Kirani James, left, crosses the finish line ahead of USA's LaShawn Merritt in the Men's 400m final at the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011

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he has been doing similar things as to what Bolt did," said Albert Joseph, the team leader for Grenada and the one-time coach of James. "I wouldn't say he's the next Bolt. But he has made a name for himself." Indeed, he has. And James definitely has Merritt's attention.

"He's winning right now," Merritt said. "But I'm feeling

good."

These days, Merritt is hardly race sharp, not after spending so much time out of competitions. But he's steadily climbing back into the form that led to an Olympic gold in Beijing and another a year later at the worlds in Berlin.

Maybe that's because he didn't spend the down time going through the motions

in workouts, idly killing the time as he counted down the days until his return.

Instead, he brought in his own competition, a slew of recently graduated college sprinters to make sure he stayed on task and gave him a stern test.

Well, as much as they could anyway. Chasing around Merritt is no easy assignment. □

NL Roundup

Victorino homer lifts Phillies over Reds, 3-2

CINCINNATI (AP) — Philadelphia's Shane Victorino rediscovered how to hit at just the right time, getting a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the eighth inning that powered the Phillies to a 3-2 win over the Cincinnati Reds in the National League on Monday.

Victorino snapped an 0-for-11 slump with his homer off Reds pitcher Homer Bailey (7-6).

Philadelphia starter Cole Hamels made a solid return from injury, holding the Reds to two hits in six innings, and reliever Antonio Bastardo (6-0) struck out all three batters in his one inning of relief to take the win.

Ryan Madson gave up a hit in the ninth before finishing it off for his 24th save in 26 chances.

Diamondbacks 5, Rockies 1



Philadelphia Phillies' Shane Victorino, right, is congratulated by Wilson Valdez, left, after Victorino hit a tiebreaking, two-run home run off Cincinnati Reds pitcher Homer Bailey in the eighth inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 29, 2011, in Cincinnati. The Phillies won 3-2.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Sentencing date set for Barry Bonds

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Home run king Barry Bonds will be back in federal court on Dec. 16 to be sentenced for his felony obstruction of justice conviction.

A jury convicted Bonds in April of giving an evasive, rambling reply when asked whether he received drugs that required a syringe. Jurors couldn't unanimously decide three other perjury charges alleging that Bonds lied to the grand jury when he denied knowingly taking human growth hormone, steroids and receiving injections from anyone but his doctor.

His conviction carries a possible sentence of up to 10 years in prison, yet federal guidelines call for 15-21 months. For similar offenses in the BALCO steroids ring case, U.S. District Judge Susan Illston sentenced cyclist Tammy Thomas to six months of home confinement and track coach Trevor Graham to one year of home confinement. □

Argentina, Brazil win Olympic qualifiers

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina (AP) — Host nation Argentina crushed Paraguay 84-52, while Brazil, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico also celebrated opening wins Tuesday in the Olympic qualifying tournament for the Americas region.

Alfredo Quinteros had 19 points for Argentina against Paraguay in Group B, while Alejandro Carmona hit 16 as Puerto Rico cruised to a 99-66 win over Panama in the same section.

San Antonio Spurs player Tiago Splitter made 17 points in Brazil's 92-83 Group A win, despite beaten Venezuela boasting the game's top scorer with Greivis Vasquez's 26-point haul.

Also in Group A, Atlanta Hawks center Al Horford dominated for Dominican Republic with 26 points in a 90-60 defeat of Cuba.

The top two nations qualify for the 2012 Olympics in London. □

In Phoenix, Arizona notched its seventh straight win, beating Colorado.

Diamondbacks starter Daniel Hudson (14-9) threw seven shutout innings and added an RBI double with the bat.

Ryan Roberts homered for Arizona, which has won 10 straight home games, and has allowed two runs or fewer in each game of the seven-game winning streak; one shy of the franchise record set in 2002.

Paul Goldschmidt, Miguel Montero and John McDonald all drove in a run during Arizona's four-run sixth inning against Rockies starter Alex White (1-1).

Cubs 7, Giants 0

In San Francisco, Chicago pitcher Randy Wells threw his first career complete game, shutting out San Francisco.

The Cubs hit four home runs — three off San Francisco ace Tim Lincecum — with Alfonso Soriano, Geovany

Soto, Blake DeWitt and Carlos Pena all going deep for the visitors, who snapped a four-game losing skid.

It was the third time this season Chicago has had four or more home runs in one game.

The Cubs have 38 home runs in August, most in the National League.

Lincecum (12-11) lasted six innings and took the loss, giving him a career-worst 11 in a season. The loss dropped the defending World Series champions five games behind first-place Arizona in the NL West.

Dodgers 4, Padres 1

In Los Angeles, Andre Ethier had three hits and an RBI to lift Los Angeles over San Diego.

Ethier was back to his best after sitting out a game with a sore knee and James Loney hit a two-run homer for the Dodgers.

Los Angeles starter Clayton Kershaw (17-5) won for the ninth time in his past

10 starts, allowing one run and striking out five. He became the first Dodger to win 17 games since Chan Ho Park in 2000.

Padres starter Mat Latos (6-13) gave up four runs in six innings.

Mets 2, Marlins 1, 1st game

Mets 5, Marlins 1, 2nd game

In New York, the hosts were back in action after Hurricane Irene, and won both games of a doubleheader against Florida.

R.A. Dickey shut down the sluggish Marlins in the opener, pitching seven spotless innings for his first win in over a month.

In the night game, Dillon Gee (12-5) rebounded from a wretched start to take the win. Mets starters had tossed 21 consecutive scoreless innings before Gee (12-5) gave up a home run in the sixth.

New York's Jose Reyes scored a run and committed an error in his return from the disabled list.

Astros 7, Pirates 4

In Houston, Carlos Lee hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the seventh inning that lifted Houston over Pittsburgh.

Trailing 3-2 in the seventh, a fielder's choice grounder by J.D. Martinez tied the score and Lee extended his hitting streak to 10 games with a homer that put the Astros ahead for the first time.

Houston starter Wandy Rodriguez (10-9) struck out a career-high 13 and went seven innings.

Pirates reliever Jason Grilli (1-1) took the loss, giving up two runs in 1 1-3 innings.

In other NL games it was

N.Y. Mets 2, Florida 1st game; Philadelphia 3, Cincinnati 2; N.Y. Mets 5, Florida 2nd game; Houston 7, Pittsburgh 4; Arizona 5, Colorado 1; L.A. Dodgers 4, San Diego 1; and Chicago Cubs 7, San Francisco 0. □



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Freddy Garcia guides Yankees past Orioles

AL Roundup

BALTIMORE (AP) — New York's Freddy Garcia returned from injury to pitch six strong innings and guide the Yankees to a 3-2 win over the Baltimore Orioles on Monday, splitting the four-game American League series. After being sidelined for three weeks with a cut right index finger, Garcia (11-7) picked up where he left off and was helped by a Nick Swisher homer and a Mark Teixeira RBI double as the Yankees moved with 1-1/2

games Boston for the AL East division lead. It was New York's second straight win without third baseman Alex Rodriguez and shortstop Derek Jeter. Rodriguez will join the team in Boston on Tuesday after getting a scan on his sore left thumb in New York, and Jeter rested a bruised right knee but was available "in case of an emergency," manager Joe Girardi said. New York closer Mariano Rivera worked a perfect ninth to earn his 34th save. Orioles starter Alfredo Simon (4-7) gave up three runs in seven innings.

White Sox 3, Twins 0

In Chicago, Mark Buehrle pitched 7-2/3 scoreless innings to steer Chicago to victory over Minnesota. Buehrle (11-6) won his 159th game, tying him for sixth on the White Sox's all-time list. He has allowed only one earned run in 30 2-3 innings this season against the Twins and has 27 wins in his career against Minnesota. He has more wins against the Twins than any other active pitcher has against a single opponent. Tyler Flowers drove in two runs for the White Sox, who have won four straight and



New York Yankees relief pitcher Mariano Rivera delivers a pitch against the Baltimore Orioles during the ninth inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 29, 2011, in Baltimore. The Yankees won 3-2.

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Adu

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Once billed as American soccer's savior, Adu found himself stuck in Greece last year with his career in shambles. He had bounced around European teams on a series of unsuccessful loans that left him forgotten by the public in the United States and an afterthought for a meaty role on the U.S. national team. Former national team coach Bob Bradley had no use for him on the U.S. roster for last year's World Cup in South Africa.

On top of the world as a teen, Adu stopped having fun playing the game he loved.

"When I didn't get called up to the World Cup team, that really hit me," Adu said. "That's always been a goal of mine. When I didn't get a chance to go, I really sat back. For me, the rest of the year, was the worst time of my career. The worst. When I went back to Aris,

the team said my salary was too high and basically tried to bully me into taking a paycut by not allowing me to train with team. Everything was bad." He wasn't the next Pele. Adu wasn't even the next Preki. Or Landon Donovan. He was a high-priced globetrotting journeyman, playing ball in Portugal or Greece or Turkey, trying to find a perfect fit before he ran out of time to rediscover the talent that made him such a prodigy and a pro at 14.

Now 22, Adu has returned to MLS and the Philadelphia Union, still dreaming of a career stuffed with national team glory and Premier League uniforms.

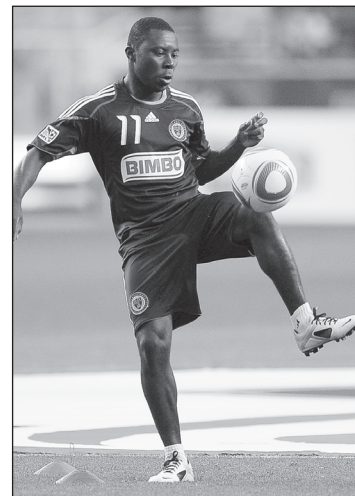
But he comes back to the United States a mature and humbled young man. He has reunited with his former D.C. United coach, Peter Nowak — the disciplinarian — with the hope of salvaging his pro career and proving that, yes, he can still blossom into the

superstar so many experts and fans pegged him to become.

"Some people might think I came back to MLS because I didn't have any offers," Adu said. "This is where I want to be." He knew he didn't want to play in Greece.

After being snubbed for the World Cup roster, Adu found a way to terminate his contract with Aris and chose in January to play for a second-division team, Caykur Rizespor, in Turkey. It's akin to an NBA lottery pick asking for a spot in the D-League. But all Adu wanted was to play soccer. Turkey offered the best chance for regular playing time, even if the competition didn't stack up with the world's elite.

"You had to really swallow your pride to say, I'll go play in the second division," he said. "It's not where you want to be. But you had to be mature in this decision. I got much better playing in the second division in



In this Aug. 13, 2011 file photo, Philadelphia Union's Freddy Adu (11) warms up before the start of an MLS soccer game against FC Dallas in Chester, Pa. Adu has gone from soccer prodigy to globetrotting journeyman. Only 22, he's back in the U.S. trying to salvage

Turkey because I played every week. I was part of something. I was part of a team making a run to get promoted."

Adu's move paid off and he earned his own personal promotion: Bradley selected Adu for this summer's Gold Cup. □

improved to two games above .500 for the first time since April. They also moved within five games of AL Central-leading Detroit.

Blue Jays 7, Rays 3

In Toronto, Jose Bautista hit his 38th home run of the season as Toronto beat Tampa Bay.

Bautista tied Yankees outfielder Curtis Granderson for the major league lead in homers with a solo drive in the sixth that hit off the facing of the third deck above left field.

Blue Jays starter Ricky Romero (13-9) won his sixth straight decision, allowing six hits in as many innings. He hasn't lost in six weeks.

Adam Lind added a two-run homer as Toronto snapped a season-high four-game losing streak.

In other AL games it was Kansas City 9, Detroit 5; N.Y. Yankees 3, Baltimore 2; Cleveland 2, Oakland 1; Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 3; Chicago White Sox 3, Minnesota 0; and Seattle 5, L.A. Angels 3. □



By: Dr Carlos Viana

While interning in Shanghai as a Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) physician, I learned that an energetic heart allows the expression of joy. The literary word for lightening the mood of something is "leaven"; as in "readers tell me that these weekly articles leaven or enliven their mood". The Modern Greek word "leaven" is "enzumos" that yields the word enzyme. Enzymes are proteins produced by the cells that control or "turn on" thousands of body reactions. One enzyme family is digestive enzymes, which help the body naturally, digest food, a good thing. Plant digestives, like Bromelain from pineapple are good supplement choices. But even good things need help, like Phyllis, without whose organization skills, I would accomplish very little. Similarly, an important partner that helps enzymes work are co-enzymes. The prefix "co" means together or jointly, like co-worker.

One coenzyme that is getting a lot of attention is Coenzyme10 or CoQ10. This supplement is widely used in Japan to treat angina, severe chest pains because of a lack of blood to

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As a Clinical Nutritionist I always recommend CoQ10 be taken together with complementary or "co-worker"

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supplements; because absorption of CoQ10 into your body is poor. In fact, probably over 60 percent of most oral doses of CoQ10 are excreted by the body without being used. Absorption of CoQ10 is greater when taken together with food that has a good quality fat content, like olive oil, wild caught salmon and butter (notice I did not say margarine). Because of this, I always recommend taking CoQ10 together with a fat or oil, like Omega 3 or Alpha-lipoic acid. Quality dietary supplement manufactures are now producing CoQ10 with enhanced absorption or bioavailability by surrounding each CoQ10 molecule with tiny fat cells of good fats like alpha-lipoic acid

Most modern diets are deficient in Omega 3's and adding Flax seed oil or Fish oils, to a daily supplement program, which includes vitamin C, Magnesium, Zinc and Lecithin is what I feel is a great basic dietary plan. Of course, not everybody utilizes or absorbs the same. If you have any health concerns, visit a clinical nutritionist to be sure you are getting the right combination of co-workers for your needs

Another super oil or fat is alpha lipoic acid which is known as the "universal antioxidant". It has the ability to conserve and prolong the life of vitamins C & E in the body, increasing their effectiveness. Alpha lipoic acid is also an excellent metal detoxifier, particularly for mer-

cury and cadmium.

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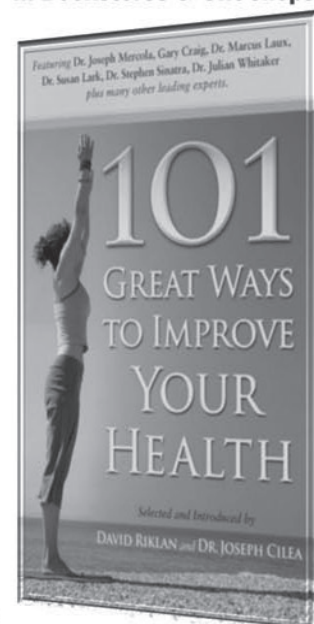
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Startup tries to put sociability back into movies

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NEW YORK (AP) — Streaming movies might not yet have the equivalent of a theater experience, with roaring crowds crunching on popcorn, but they are getting more social.

Hollywood studios have increasingly looked to social media and Facebook, in particular, as a distribution platform. The early inroads have been experimental, but turning social media users into audiences is a bright new hope for a Hollywood looking to counter sagging DVD sales.

On Tuesday, the social streaming startup flickme will launch a library of more than 1,000 movies for rent or purchase with Facebook and Twitter integration. It already has some notable backers: Sony Pictures and Warner Bros. are participating and noted venture capital firm Sequoia capital has provided funding.

Founded by Mitch Galbraith and Mark Smallcombe, flickme marries the communal element of movies with the social element of the Web. It began with an observation that the movie streaming experiences currently available to users, such as the popular subscription service Netflix, aren't dynamic.

"We sort of had this epiphany where we said, 'This is really transactional and impersonal,'" says Galbraith, CEO of flickme. "You sort of have this environment where you find a movie and watch it and go about your business, but there wasn't much that was very social or fun about the process."

"With all of these inherent social elements of movies as an entertainment form, it was amazing that digital movies had lost that personal, social element."

Though studios have long utilized Facebook as a promotional tool, they only earlier this year began using it to offer movies for rent. In just the last few months, it's been a veritable land rush into the social network.

In August, Miramax's eXperience went live, offering 20

titles to rent on Facebook. Universal Pictures recently launched its Social Theater application with "The Big Lebowski." Paramount Pictures stepped into the space, making its "Jackass" films available for rental through Facebook. Warner Bros. made the first entry, making a handful of films including "The Dark Knight" available to watch for 30 Facebook credits, or \$3.

Thomas Gewecke, president of Warner Bros. digital distribution, said he's been encouraged by the experiment. "We're very excited and interested in Facebook as a potential distribution channel for our content," says Gewecke. "(flickme) leverages the strength of the social network and it's also economically interesting to the movie studios. We feel as though there's lots of room for experimentation."

The most notable distinction to flickme is its "shareable discount" feature, which encourages recommendations among friends. Though new releases are offered for \$3.99 and older films for \$2.99, users can rent a film for \$1.49 if a friend recommends it. The discount works for up to 10 friends via Facebook and Twitter, provided the original viewer pays regular price. About a third of the films on flickme have this offer. "We feel like a lot of users have the perspective that if they spend tons of time trying to find a movie, they struggle to find what they want, and they may end up watching one that they didn't love, that waste of time is worth way more than a couple of bucks," says Galbraith.

For studios, social media recommendations offer an appealing way to crowd-source the marketing of their catalog.

"After we've released a title and the heat has died down on it some and it's otherwise just sort of out there in the ether, social networks are great opportunities, we think, for consumers to market our titles to one another," says John Calkins, vice president of

global digital and commercial innovation at Sony Pictures Home Entertainment. Based in San Mateo, California, flickme has a staff of 15. Galbraith and Smallcombe have previously collaborated on two startups and both come from the comedy website Funny or Die. From its founding until January, Galbraith was chief operating officer and Smallcombe was vice president of product and engineering.

The two hope to mirror Funny or Die's combination of Hollywood and Internet culture. Galbraith is working to make more studios and content holders partners and hopes to add more movies to its library. Flickme, Warner Bros. and Sony declined to give financial details of their arrangement.



In this publicity image released by flickme.com, Mitch Galbraith, CEO of flickme.com is shown at the companies' office in San Mateo, Calif.

Associated Press

"It remains to be seen how much people think about movies through social media," says Calkins. "But at least now we're starting to see potentially a proposi-

tion that's multistudio, multibrand with a model that's designed to leverage the power of the social network in a way that brings something fresh." □

CNN gets more personal, buys iPad magazine Zite



In this March 11, 2011 file photo, Apple specialist Toni Perreira gives a customer instructions on how to use the iPad 2 at the Apple store on Fifth Avenue in New York.

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — CNN has acquired Zite, an iPad service that learns about readers' tastes and customizes a digital magazine with stories from hundreds of different websites.

CNN, a cable news channel owned by Time Warner Inc., has no plans to change Zite's format, said K.C. Estenson, general manager of CNN's digital division.

"This is a product that people love," Estenson said.

"It just needs to be in the hands of more people." Zite delivers different editions to different readers based on their individual interests. After downloading Zite's free iPad application, readers can specify certain topics they want to read about, such as stories about the Pittsburgh Steelers or Lady Gaga. The magazine is programmed to learn more about readers over time, based on the kinds of stories that they tend to

click on.

The same technology may be used to help CNN customize its news on the iPad and other mobile devices, Estenson said.

Financial terms of the deal announced Tuesday weren't disclosed.

Zite, which is based in San Francisco, started a specialty search engine called Worio six years ago. Drawing upon some of Worio's research, Zite unveiled its magazine for the iPad in March. It had 125,000 downloads in the first week; the company would not provide a more recent number.

It has been overshadowed so far by Flipboard, another iPad magazine that customizes editions by analyzing the links shared within readers' networks on Facebook and Twitter. Yahoo Inc. also is trying to personalize the news for tablet computers with a service called Livestand; the company says it will be ready before the end of the year. □

Banks waive fees in states hit by Irene

By CANDICE CHOI

AP Personal Finance Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Several banks are waiving a variety of fees for customers hard hit by Hurricane Irene. Chase says it will waive fees for customers in 13 states through Sunday. The waived fees include overdraft and out-of-network ATM fees on checking accounts and late fees for credit cards and mortgages.

The waivers apply to customers in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Virginia.

Wells Fargo says it will waive out-of-network ATM fees, as well as early withdrawal fees on certificates of deposits. Wells Fargo's waivers last through Friday and apply only to customers in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York.

As a general practice, other banks — including Bank of America, Capital One, Citi and PNC Bank — say they waive fees on a case-by-case basis whenever customers are facing hardships as a result of natural disasters. They say customers should contact their local branches to explore possible account adjustments, such as lowered credit card interest rates.

Hurricane Irene left many areas up and down the East Coast besieged by floodwaters. On Tuesday, more than 2.5 million people from North Carolina to Maine were still without electricity and airlines said it would be days before thousands of stranded passengers find their way home.

Early estimates put Irene's damage at \$7 billion to \$10 billion. By comparison, Hurricane Katrina caused more than \$100 billion in damage. □

Bank of America sued by U.S. Bancorp over mortgages

NEW YORK (AP) — The lawsuits against Bank of America are piling up.

The latest comes from U.S. Bancorp, which wants Bank of America Corp. to repurchase poorly written mortgages sold by Countrywide Financial in 2005.

Bank of America bought Countrywide Financial Corp. in 2008.

The lawsuit, which was filed in New York on Monday, claims Countrywide sold U.S. Bancorp a pool of over 4,000 loans originally valued at \$1.75 billion. U.S. Bancorp claims Countrywide ignored its own mortgage underwriting guidelines when issuing those loans.

According to the complaint, Countrywide agreed to repurchase loans within 90 days if any of the statements made in the loan contract wound up being untrue. Those statements included an assertion that

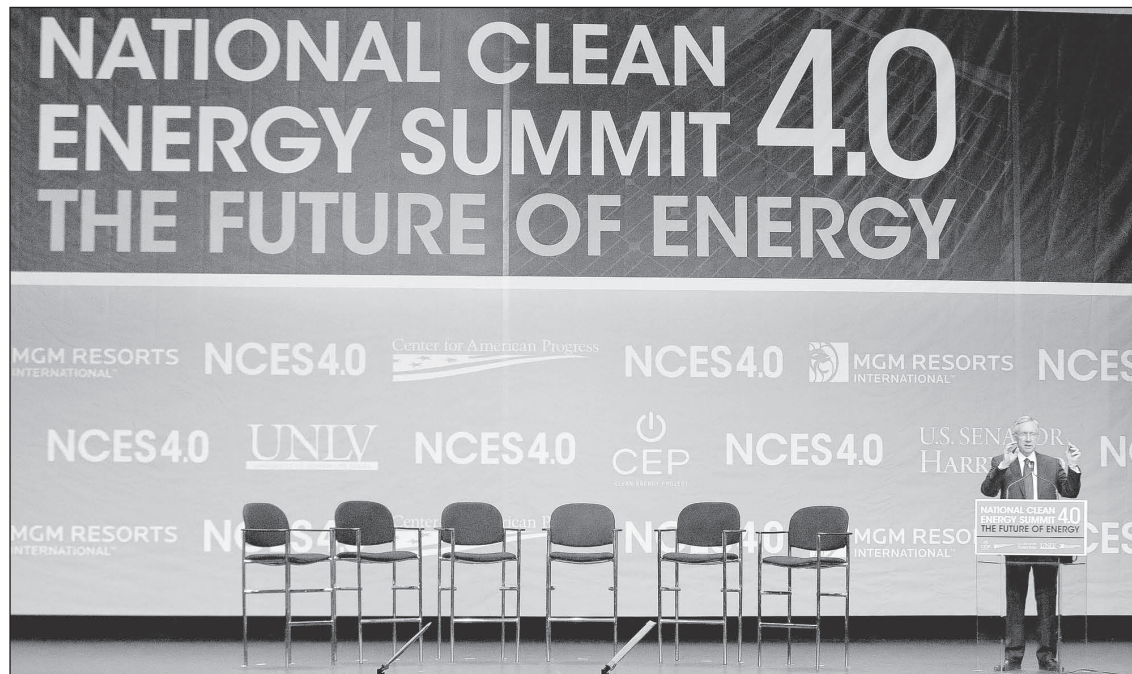
the loans complied with the bank's underwriting guidelines.

U.S. Bancorp says Countrywide's loans began to "become delinquent and default at a startling rate," soon after it sold the loans. U.S. Bancorp has asked the court to ask Countrywide to repurchase either just the defective loans or all of the loans in the pool.

A U.S. Bancorp spokesman, Thomas Joyce, said the bank filed the lawsuit as a trustee on behalf of several investors who bought the loans.

He wouldn't identify the number of investors the bank represents. "Because the matter is in litigation, I can't comment on the specifics in the lawsuit," he said. Bank of America didn't comment.

The nation's largest bank is facing several other lawsuits. On Aug. 8, American



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., speaks at the National Clean Energy Summit, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011, in Las Vegas.

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Biden calls for new clean energy policy for U.S.

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Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The United States can't lead the world in the 21st century with its current energy policy, Vice President Joe Biden told alternative tech-

nology supporters Tuesday at a clean energy summit in Las Vegas.

Biden said the nation is already trailing China and Germany in green technology. It will trade its dependence on foreign oil for a dependence on foreign clean energy technology if its leaders don't act to help fledgling green researchers and businesses, he said.

"Can anyone imagine us leading the world in the 21st century with the same energy policy we have today?" Biden said during his keynote speech at the fourth-annual National Clean Energy Summit. "Is it even within the realm of possibility?"

Biden said the future will demand cities that produce all the energy they consume; battery-powered cars able to travel great distances; and bacteria that convert sunlight directly into fuel, among other innovations.

"If we shrink from deciding whether we are going to lead in the area of alternative energy, renewable energy, then we will be making the biggest mistake that this nation has made in its history," he said.

Biden announced during his speech that five technology companies receiv-

ing up to \$6 million each from the Department of Energy have since attracted more than \$100 million in private investments. The firms in North Carolina, California and Colorado are developing advanced grid scale batteries or new approaches to biofuels or waste heat recovery. Biden said the private investments demonstrate that the green industry needs both public and private contributions to succeed. "No previous generation has had that debate about whether or not we are going to lead the world because in the past it simply hasn't been a question," he said. "This isn't science fiction. This is within our grasp."

National politicians and green technology leaders are attending the Las Vegas energy conference to discuss energy security and independence. U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu, Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval and California Gov. Jerry Brown are among the notable speakers.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has hosted the conference since 2008. He announced Tuesday that construction on the world's first hybrid geothermal and solar power plant is starting in northern Nevada. □



In this file photo taken Oct. 8, 2010, the Bank of America building is shown at the Bank of America Plaza in downtown Los Angeles.

Associated Press

International Group Inc. sued the bank for more than \$10 billion, claiming Bank of America deceived the insurer by selling it faulty mortgage investments. □

Battle for Lions Gate ends with Icahn selling



In this May 7, 2007 file photo, billionaire financier Carl Icahn is seen as he arrives at the Motorola annual meeting in Chicago.

Associated Press

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Activist investor Carl Icahn said Tuesday that he is shedding his entire stake in Lions Gate Entertainment Corp., ending a more than two-year battle for control and sending shares of the niche movie studio tumbling in after-hours trading. The sale, announced after the market closed, included an agreement for both sides to drop all pending lawsuits. Lions Gate and its next largest investor, Mark Ratchesky, each agreed to buy back a quarter of Icahn's shares for \$7 each, which is about what Icahn spent acquiring his one-third stake in the company. Lions Gate is based in Vancouver and operates out of Santa Monica, California. The company said that it has the right to designate one or more parties to purchase Icahn's remaining stake, also at \$7 a share, over the next 35 days. The studio's shares fell 6 percent, or 44 cents, to \$7.08 in aftermarket trading. Icahn wished the company well in a statement. "As some have noted, my own 'slate' is pretty full at the time, and I therefore determined that it is a good time to exit," he said. Icahn is also the largest shareholder in Clorox and is seeking election to the board of that company. He said Tuesday that he would vote to sell Clorox if appointed — or he would buy it himself. □

Stocks rise on hopes for more stimulus

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NEW YORK (AP) — The mere discussion of more economic stimulus from the Federal Reserve was enough to send stocks higher Tuesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 20 points, its third day of gains.

Minutes from the Fed's latest policy meeting on Aug. 9 showed that central bank officials discussed a variety of options to bolster the economy, including buying more Treasury bonds. In the end, they decided to keep interest rates low until at least mid-2013.

The news that more aggressive action was being considered gave investors a reason to buy stocks. "They want to see stimulus and they hope stocks will go higher," said Joseph



A pair of specialists work at their posts on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, Aug. 29, 2011.

Saluzzi, co-head of stock trading at Themis Trading. The Federal Reserve has

purchased Treasury bonds twice in the past as a way to keep long-term interest

rates low. The Fed's first bond-buying program was in 2008, at the height of the financial crisis.

The second, announced last August, helped to push the Dow up 28 percent through April 29. Lower interest rates on bonds give investors an incentive to move money out of bonds and into stocks and other assets.

Stocks were mixed for much of the day Tuesday after an index of consumer confidence plunged in August to the lowest level since April 2009. Trading volume was also lighter than normal because many investors are on vacation.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 20.70 points, or 0.2 percent, to close at 11,559.95 Tuesday. □

Russian oil teams up with Exxon Mobil



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, right, and Rex Tillerson, ExxonMobil's chief executive smile during a signing ceremony in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, Russia, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011. Russia's state-owned Rosneft teamed up with U.S. company ExxonMobil on Tuesday to develop huge offshore oil fields in the Russian Arctic in return for access to resources in the Gulf of Mexico.

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MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's state-owned Rosneft

teamed up with U.S. company Exxon Mobil on Tuesday in a multibillion deal to develop offshore oil fields

in the Russian Arctic — one of the last regions with immense and untapped hydrocarbon deposits — in return for access to resources in the Gulf of Mexico.

Because Rosneft does not have its own technology for deep sea drilling, it was looking for partners to develop the offshore projects in the Arctic and other regions of Russia. A deal it was pursuing with Britain's BP earlier this year fell through, leaving the path open for Exxon Mobil.

The oil giant already has experience drilling in the Arctic regions of Canada. □

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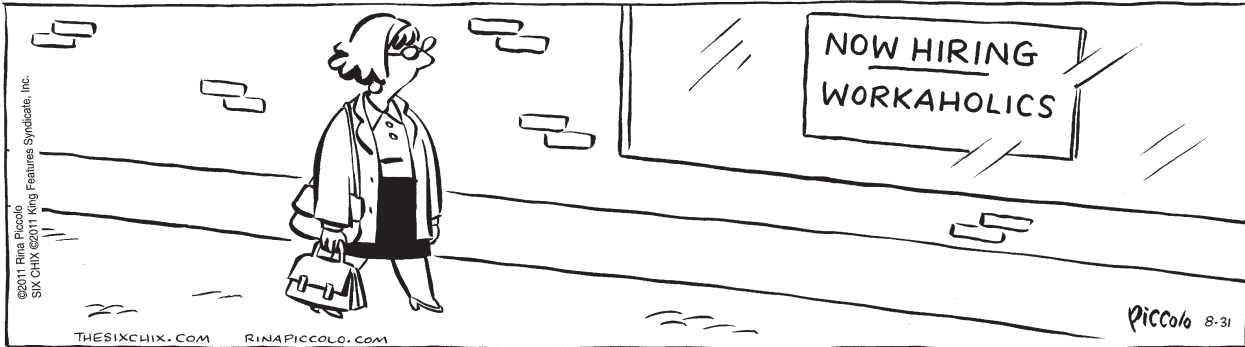
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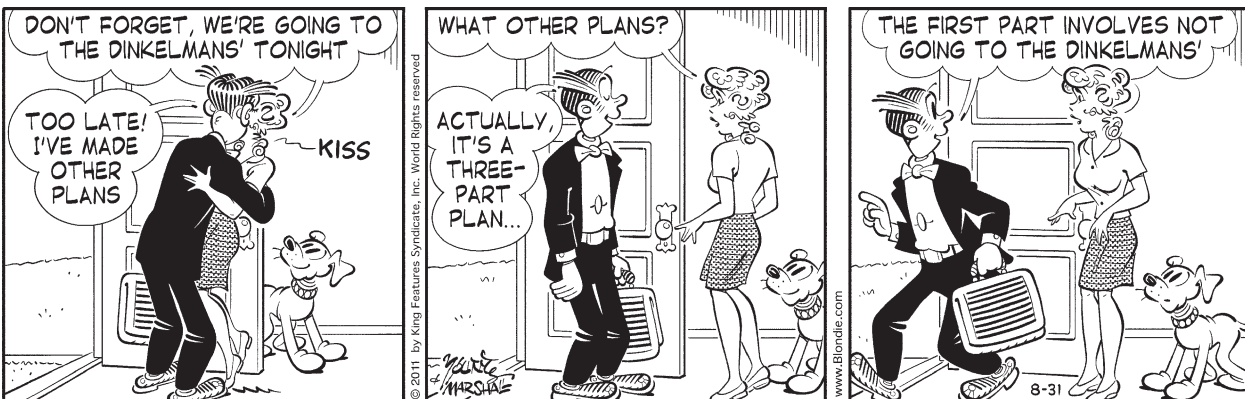
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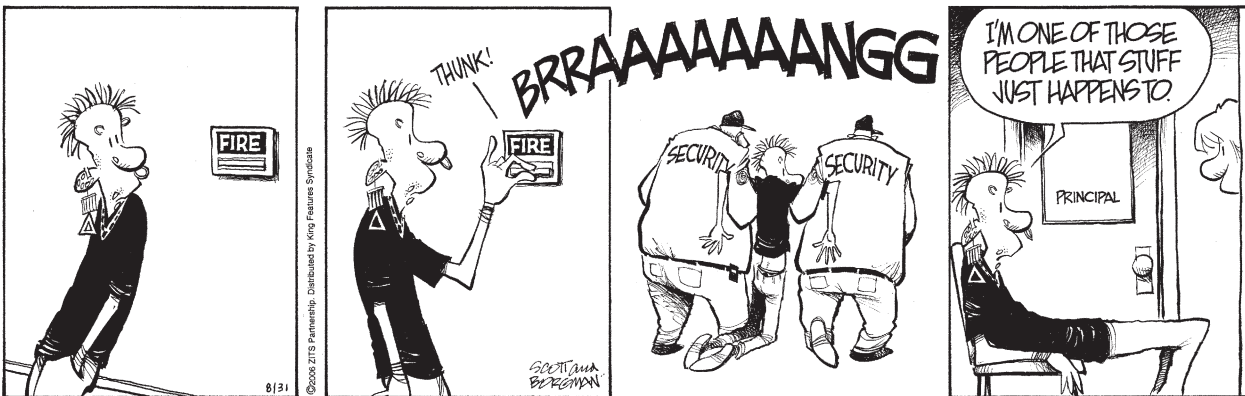
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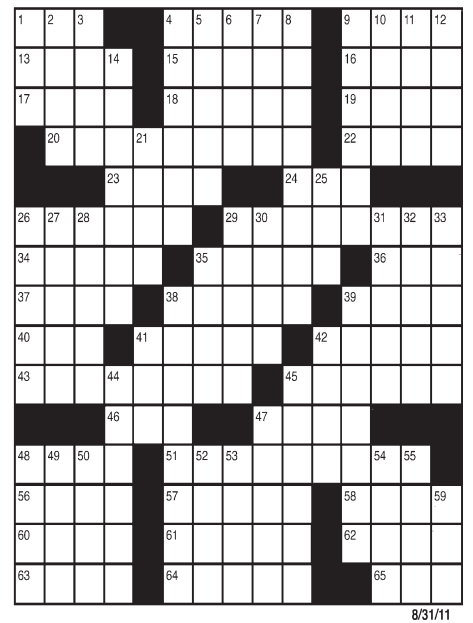
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1	5	3	9	2	6	7	4	8

ACROSS

- 1 TV's "Murder, ___ Wrote"
- 4 Lunch & dinner
- 9 Carry
- 13 ___ the way; go before others
- 15 Bert's "Sesame Street" buddy
- 16 Mr. Preminger
- 17 Foamy drinks
- 18 Casual farewell
- 19 Nation next to Thailand
- 20 Putting in an envelope
- 22 Catch sight of
- 23 ___-de-camp; officer's helper
- 24 Eustachian tube's location
- 26 Flexible; limp
- 29 ___ with; talked to & persuaded
- 34 Track events
- 35 Penn & others
- 36 Long, long ___
- 37 Household pests
- 38 Seashore
- 39 Soil
- 40 Cold cubes
- 41 Model ___ Crawford
- 42 Hotel employee
- 43 Sluggishness
- 45 Spunky
- 46 St. Joan of ___
- 47 Bedspring
- 48 Voting alliance
- 51 Kiev resident
- 56 On a ___; out to have fun
- 57 Detroit team
- 58 Give off, as fumes
- 60 ___ in a blue moon; rarely
- 61 Mete out
- 62 Tall storage cylinder
- 63 ___ away; erode
- 64 Acting parts
- 65 Grass moisture



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VANE	IDEA	TIBIA
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- 39 Seven-times-a-week papers
- 41 Automobile
- 42 Blood channel
- 44 Computer tamperer
- 45 Passes off as genuine
- 47 Narrow boat
- 48 Hard hit
- 49 Path
- 50 Killer whale
- 52 Metric weight, for short
- 53 List of students
- 54 In the center of
- 55 Longest river
- 59 Haul; drag

DOWN

- 1 Swirling bath
- 2 Robust
- 3 ___ though; albeit
- 4 Tune
- 5 Word on a tape recorder button
- 6 "Nay" voter
- 7 Claim against property
- 8 Title for some police officers
- 9 Loose waist-length jacket
- 10 Greek letters
- 11 Perched upon
- 12 Optimistic
- 14 Gets away
- 21 Cold sore spots
- 25 Donkey
- 26 Thin and feeble
- 27 Knight's spear
- 28 Group of eight
- 29 All prepared
- 30 As ___ as ABC
- 31 Manicurist's concerns
- 32 Wading bird
- 33 Daft
- 35 Lullaby or aria
- 38 Round

Cuban singer Milanes blasts dissident attack

LAURA MUNOZ

AP Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Cuban singer-songwriter Pablo Milanes has criticized the harassment of a leading Cuban dissident group, saying insults and obscenities hurled by pro-government crowds at the so-called Ladies in White during their protest marches are "vile" and "cowardly."

In an open letter published Tuesday in Miami's El Nuevo Herald newspaper, Milanes said one may not agree with the dissident group, but he disapproves of how they've been treated at times by rowdy government supporters. The public comments drew attention for their outspokenness and came just days after the Havana resident and two-time Grammy winner performed his first concert in Miami, before several thousand people.

"When I see that some women dressed in white protest in the street and are mistreated by men and women, I cannot help but be ashamed and indignant," the 68-year-old singer wrote in Tuesday's letter, referring to the group. Milanes, one of the celebrated founders of Cuba's "nueva trova" musical movement, has long maintained he is loyal to the Cuban Revolution. But he has at times advocated for more freedoms on the island and been critical of the government. In 2010, he publicly backed a dissident hunger striker who was demanding the release of political prisoners.

The Ladies in White formed in 2003, following the arrest of 75 dissidents, many of whom have since been freed and left communist Cuba. The women, who march weekly, are appealing for more political freedoms and the release of remaining dissident prisoners there.

Usually, the protests are quiet and uneventful, but on occasion large crowds come out and taunt the women with shouts of "Worms!" and "Get out!" Cuban officials insist that the counter-protests are spontaneous, though state security officials are normally present. □

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Panel reveals new details of 1940s experiment

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ATLANTA (AP) — A presidential panel on Monday disclosed shocking new details of U.S. medical experiments done in Guatemala in the 1940s, including a decision to re-infect a dying woman in a syphilis study.

The Guatemala experiments are already considered one of the darker episodes of medical research in U.S. history, but panel members say the new information indicates that the researchers were unusually unethical, even when placed into the historical context of a different era.

"The researchers put their own medical advancement first and human decency a far second," said Anita Allen, a member of the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues. From 1946-48, the U.S. Public Health Service and the Pan American Sanitary



Guatemala's Vice president Rafael Espada talks about medical experiments conducted on Guatemalan citizens over 60 years ago during an interview in in Guatemala City March 15, 2011.

Bureau worked with several Guatemalan government agencies to do medical research — paid for by the U.S. government — that involved deliberately expos-

ing people to sexually transmitted diseases.

The researchers apparently were trying to see if penicillin, then relatively new, could prevent infections in the 1,300 people exposed to syphilis, gonorrhea or chancroid. Those infected included soldiers, prostitutes, prisoners and mental patients with syphilis.

The commission revealed Monday that only about 700 of those infected received some sort of treatment. Also, 83 people died, although it's not clear if the deaths were directly due to the experiments.

The research came up with no useful medical information, according to some experts. It was hidden for decades but came to light last year, after a Wellesley College medical historian discovered records among the papers of Dr. John Cutler, who led the experiments.

President Barack Obama called Guatemala's president, Alvaro Colom, to apologize. He also ordered his bioethics commission to review the Guatemala experiments. That work is nearly done. Though the final report is not due until

next month, commission members discussed some of the findings at a meeting Monday in Washington.

They revealed that some of the experiments were more shocking than was previously known.

For example, seven women with epilepsy, who were housed at Guatemala's Asilo de Alienados (Home for the Insane), were injected with syphilis below the back of the skull, a risky procedure. The researchers thought the new infection might somehow help cure epilepsy. The women each got bacterial meningitis, probably as a result of the unsterile injections, but were treated.

Perhaps the most disturbing details involved a female syphilis patient with an undisclosed terminal illness. The researchers, curious to see the impact of an additional infection, infected her with gonorrhea in her eyes and elsewhere. Six months later she died.

Dr. Amy Gutmann, head of the commission, described the case as “chillingly egregious.” During that time, other researchers were also using people as human guinea pigs, in some cases infecting them with illnesses. Studies weren’t as regulated then, and the planning-on-the-fly feel of Cutler’s work was not unique, some experts have noted.

But panel members concluded that the Guatemala research was bad even by the standards of the time. They compared the work to a 1943 experiment by Cutler and others in which prison inmates were infected with gonorrhea in Indiana. The inmates were volunteers who were told what was involved in the study and gave their consent. □

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Daryl Hannah arrested in White House oil protest

Actress Daryl Hannah is arrested by U.S. Park Police in front of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011, during a protest against the Keystone oil pipeline.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)



WASHINGTON (AP) — American actress Daryl Hannah has been arrested in front of the White House along with other environmental protesters who oppose a planned oil pipeline from Canada to the U.S. Gulf Coast. The sit-in Tuesday involved dozens protesting the Keystone XL pipeline. It would go through six states to refineries in Texas. Before she was arrested, Hannah told

The Associated Press the protesters want to be free from dependence on fossil fuels. The group calls for clean energy investments instead. Hannah says they hope President Barack Obama will not bow to oil lobbyists. Hannah sat down on the sidewalk near the White House and refused orders from U.S. Park Police to move. She has been arrested in the past for environmental causes. □

Judge blocks effort to get Spears' med records

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge won't give a company suing Britney Spears access to her medical information.

The pop star is still under court-ordered conservatorship after a bout of erratic behavior in 2008. Her father and attorneys control her personal and financial affairs.

Because of the conservatorship, she will not be required to give a deposition in the lawsuit from the company Brand Sense, which claims it helped negotiate a perfume deal for Spears but was cut out of the profits.

Brand Sense wanted to see medical records proving Spears couldn't testify. But Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Reva Goetz ruled Tuesday that Brand Sense Partners has no standing to see medical records. □



Britney Spears poses with the video vanguard award backstage at the MTV Video Music Awards on Sunday Aug. 28, 2011, in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)

Review:

Wayne's 'Carter IV' doesn't show growth

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Lil Wayne, "Tha Carter IV" (Cash Money/Universal Records) Since "Tha Carter III" made him a legitimate pop star, Lil Wayne spent eight months in jail and released three albums, including a collaborative effort with his Young Money crew. He also forgot the art of songwriting. That 2008, Grammy-winning blockbuster succeeded because the genius of free association rhymes found discipline: Nearly every "Carter III" track had a theme, storyline or single emotion for Wayne to wrap his witticisms around. "Tha Carter IV" proves an unworthy successor. It piles on metaphors, similes, double-entendres and word-images that work as punchlines but don't cohere. You'll chuckle along to that distinctive raspy voice and then wonder: What was that all about? Missing a golden opportunity to reflect on his time locked up, away from the

spotlight, Wayne reveals little. His world is chock-full of words, empty of meaning. Not that he needs to make a point with every tune. Some of Wayne's best work has been on similarly scattershot mixtapes. And both the album "Intro" and "6 Foot 7 Foot" are thrilling examples of carefully considered but ultimately vacuous wordplay, the latter including Wayne's now-classic pronouncement that "real G's move in silence like lasagna." But lyrical laziness drags down "How To Hate," "Blunt Blowin" and "Megaman." And does "So Special" really reference Lorena Bobbitt? In 2011? "President Carter," using a sample from Jimmy Carter's inauguration, makes some half-hearted nods at politics but falls back to nonsensical braggadocio: "I'm beneficial, I've been official. I say you rappers sweet, tiramisu." The New Orleans rapper



Lil Wayne performs at the MTV Video Music Awards on Sunday Aug. 28, 2011, in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Matt Sayles)

does find ways to make listeners snap to attention. A sinister beat and cocky chorus from Drake propels "She Will." "Interlude" features punishing verses from Tech N9ne and Andre 3000. And

Wayne uses "It's Good" to respond to Jay-Z's recent dismissal of Young Money on "H.A.M." with a threat to kidnap Beyonce and hold her for ransom. No moving in silence there. Easily the

most prolific top-tier rapper, Wayne has been praised in the past for generously putting out free mixtapes that with online buzz upstaged many of his peers' heavily marketed studio albums. □

ABC hopes 'The Chew' can win over daytime viewers

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NEW YORK (AP) — Gnaw on this: Can some of food and style TV's biggest stars, Mario Batali and Clinton Kelly among them, help ABC soap fans get over cancellation of their favorite stories? The network's count-

might have thought up in kindergarten, you're right, but that's OK with Chew's executive producer, Gordon Elliott. He's going for "easily digestible, pardon the pun." Besides, the food porn's good with lots of delectable close-ups. Elliott explains: "People

ready wondering just who the heck Chew co-cost Daphne Oz and design expert Evette Rios even are? Oz wrote the best-selling "The Dorm Room Diet" and is the daughter of TV doc Mehmet Oz, for the record. She opened up during the Chew run-through — in front of a live audience — about her upbringing as a vegetarian.

Rios was featured speeding through Oz's tiny New York City kitchen on a taped makeover that included, yes, a pegboard for extra hanging storage. Did you know there's something called stainless steel paint? In case you can't afford appliances in the real thing. Rounding out the Chew crew is the extremely animated Carla Hall, a "Top Chef" finalist and perky fan favorite who brings on a never-say-die approach to catastrophe in the kitchen. If the top cracks on your cheesecake, for instance, don't get mad, discouraged, depressed. Cover it up with a world of whip cream and berries.

Promos for "The Chew" have begun airing, already annoying the soap faithful, some of whom took to the sidewalk at ABC Studios in April to protest when the network canceled their shows. They handed out leaflets that declared "The Chew" and other replacements "glorified infomercials appropriate for late-night basic cable channels, not for a major broadcast network."

Robin Blum, 61, has been watching "All My Children" since it went on the air 41 years ago. She has a small business making greeting cards that double as bookmarks.

Hence, she's home. "AMC got me through two childbirths, a brain tumor, a broken leg, several tropical storms when I lived in the Virgin Islands and 9/11 in New York City," she said. "It is not an entertainment form that has outlived its usefulness. It's idiotic that the programmers are now substituting 'The Chew.'"



This Friday, Aug. 26, 2011 photo shows, from left to right, Clinton Kelly, Daphne Oz, Evette Rios, Iron Chef Michael Symon and Carla Hall as they react while Kelly holds up a repainted toaster during a rehearsal of ABC's "The Chew" in New York. Oz, Symon, Hall and Kelly are co-hosts of the show. Rios is one of the show's correspondents. Can some of food and style TV's biggest stars help ABC soap fans get over cancellation of their favorite stories? The network's counting on it for "The Chew."

(AP Photo/Tina Fineberg)

ing on it for "The Chew." Iron Chef or Martha Stewart this isn't. Nor will the five co-hosts take on top news of the day like their cousins over at "The View" once the show premieres live on Sept. 26 in place of "All My Children" and "One Life to Live."

What you'll see is simple, fun tips for cheap and easy living.

During a recent practice run, the ever-adorable Iron Chef Michael Symon salted skirt steak as he shared about his Greek-Sicilian mother and made it clear: Vinaigrette is two parts fat to one part acid.

Kelly, co-host of TLC's "What Not to Wear," urged parents to bring their kids back to the dinner table by letting them draw on butcher block paper for placemats. Got some shriveled citrus? Don't let it go to waste. Slice it up and float it in a vase topped by a cheery hydrangea blossom.

If it sounds like stuff the more sophisticated Stewart

don't have time to sit for an hour and watch a story. ABC came to me and said we've had great success with 'The View' but we'd like to get into food. I thought 'The View,' food, 'The Chew.' We do more than just chop and chat. Our co-hosts are relatable." True, they are. It's also true that people may not sit in the middle of the day. But that's why DVRs were invented, so folk like the soap faithful can relax after dinner with their decades-old shows.

Will they be firing them up for "The Chew," or tuning out altogether to chase down their soaps online?

"I really don't believe that disgruntled refugees from 'All My Children' and 'One Life to Live' will swallow 'The Chew,'" said TV analyst Shari Anne Brill. "This is about how it's become more expensive to produce scripted content. The audience has shifted."

So, this shifting audience. Is it the same audience al-



Actor James Franco attends the "127 Hours" film premiere at Chelsea Clearview Cinema in New York. Publicist Robin Baum confirmed Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011, that the workaholic actor has dropped out of a planned production of the steamy Tennessee Williams play "Sweet Bird of Youth."

(AP Photo/Evan Agostini, file)

James Franco drops out of making Broadway debut

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NEW YORK (AP) — James Franco can't make time for Broadway.

Publicist Robin Baum confirmed Tuesday that the workaholic actor has dropped out of a planned production of the steamy Tennessee Williams play "Sweet Bird of Youth."

It was to mark Franco's Broadway debut and would have created one of the hottest tickets of the season because he was to be paired with Nicole Kidman, who is still on board.

The play tells the story of an aging actress and the gigolo paramour who uses her as he tries to help her get back into movies. David Cromer is scheduled to direct.

Franco, last seen in "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" and "Your Highness," is shooting the film "Oz," appearing on "General Hospital" and earning a doctorate in English at Yale. □

Beyonce's baby bump reveal sparks record

NEW YORK (AP) — Beyonce's pregnant performance at the MTV Video Music Awards sparked a Twitter record. When Beyonce performed at 10:35 p.m. EDT Sunday night, there were 8,868 tweets per second. Twitter said that rate was a record for the service.

At the VMAs, Beyonce revealed a baby bump, cupping her growing belly for photographers as she arrived and rubbing her tummy when she performed. The 29-year-old singer is married to Jay-Z.

The VMAs drew MTV's biggest audience since the network began measuring its viewership. Sunday night's show attracted 12.4 million viewers. □

American theocracy revisited



ROSS DOUTHAT
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During George W. Bush's presidency, many liberal and secular Americans came to regard religious conservatives not merely as their political opponents, but as a kind of existential threat. The religious right, they decided, wasn't a normal political movement. Rather, it was an essentially illiberal force, bent on gradually replacing our secular republic with what Kevin Phillips' 2006 best-seller dubbed an "American Theocracy." These anxieties dissipated once the Republican majority imploded. In the Obama era, debates over the economy and health care crowded out arguments about sex education and embryo destruction, and liberals found a new set of right-wing extremists to worry about: Tea Party activists, birth certificate obsessives and the Koch brothers. But with the rise of first Michele Bachmann and then Rick Perry in the presidential polls, and the belated liberal realization that many Tea Partiers are also evangelical Christians, the fear of theocracy has suddenly returned. Beginning with Ryan Lizza's profile of Bachmann in The New Yorker, a spate of recent articles have linked the Republican presidential candidates to scary-sounding political theologies like "Dominionism" and "Christian Reconstructionism," and used these links to suggest that Christian extremism is once more on the march. In this week's New York Times Magazine, The Times' outgoing executive editor, Bill Keller, argues that Perry and Bachmann should face tough questions about their religious beliefs. The Republican hopefuls' associations, he writes, should force us to "confront our scruples about the privacy of faith in public life – and to get over them."

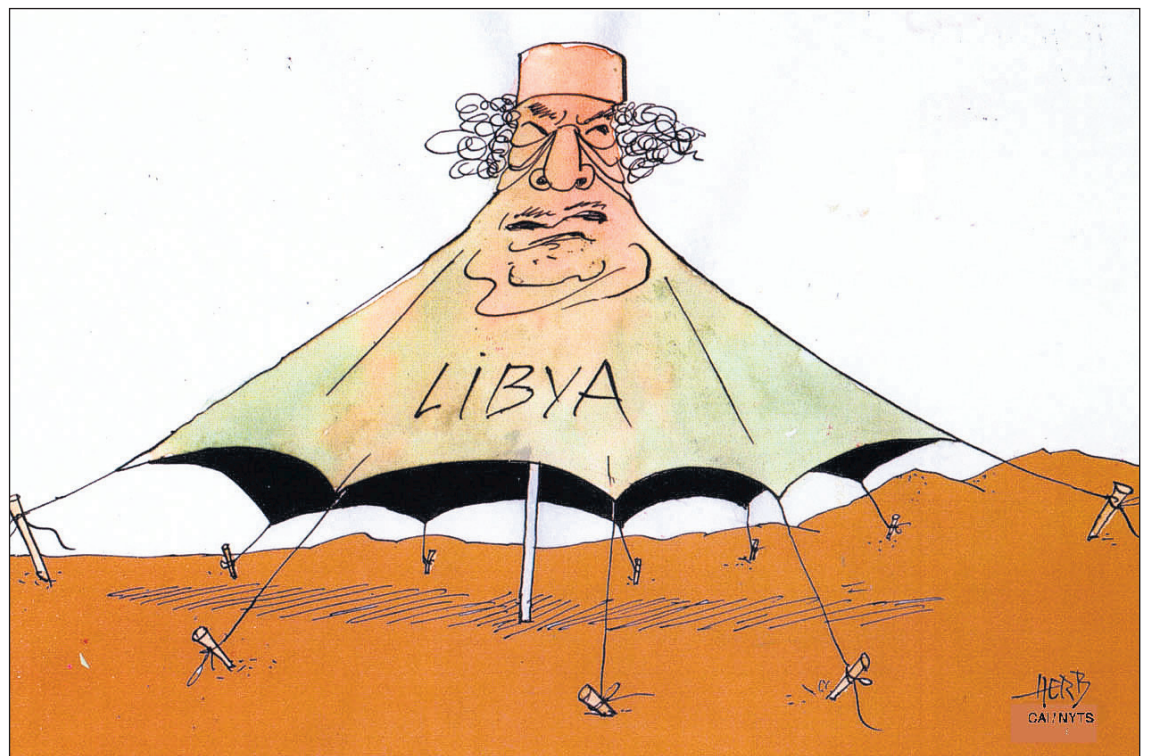
Keller is absolutely right. The separation of church and state in the United States has never separated religion from politics, and the "private" beliefs of politicians have often had very public consequences. When candidates wear their religion on their sleeve,

especially, the press has every right to ask how that faith relates to their political agenda. But here are four points that journalists should always keep in mind when they ask and then write about religious beliefs that they themselves don't share.

First, conservative Christianity is a large and complicated world, and like other such worlds – the realm of the secular intelligentsia very much included – it has various centers and various fringes, which overlap in complicated ways. Sometimes teasing out these connections tells us something meaningful and interesting. But it's easy to succumb to a paranoid six-degrees-of-separation game, in which the most radical figure in a particular community is always the most important one, or the most extreme passage in a particular writer's work always defines his real-world influence.

Second, journalists should avoid double standards. If you roll your eyes when conservatives trumpet President Barack Obama's links to Chicago socialists and academic radicals, you probably shouldn't leap to the conclusion that Bachmann's more outre law school influences prove she's a budding Torquemada. If you didn't spend the Jeremiah Wright controversy searching works of black liberation theology for inflammatory evidence of what Obama "really" believed, you probably shouldn't obsess over the supposed links between Rick Perry and R.J. Rushdoony, the Christian Reconstructionist guru.

Third, journalists should resist the temptation to apply the language of conspiracy to groups and causes that they find unfamiliar or extreme. Republican politicians are often accused of using religious "code words" and "dog whistles," for instance, when all they're doing is employing the everyday language of an America that's more biblically literate than the national press corps. Likewise, what often gets described as religious-right "infiltration" of government usually just amounts to conservative Christians' using the normal mechanisms of democratic politics to oust politicians whom they disagree with, or to fight back against laws that they don't like. Finally, journalists should remember that Republican politicians have usually been far more adept at mobilizing their religious constituents than those constituents have been at claiming any sort of political "dominion."



The 'haimish' line



DAVID BROOKS
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Recently I did a little reporting from Kenya and Tanzania before taking a safari with my family. We stayed in seven camps. Some were relatively simple, without electricity or running water. Some were relatively luxurious, with regular showers and even pools. The simple camps were friendly, warm and familial. We got to know the other guests at big, communal dinner tables. At one camp we got to play soccer with the staff on a vast field in the Serengeti before an audience of wildebeests. At another camp, we had impromptu spear-throwing and archery competitions with the kitchen staff. Two of the Maasai guides led my youngest son and me on spontaneous mock hunts – stalking our "prey" on foot through ravines and across streams. I can tell you that this is the definition of heaven for a 12-year-old boy, and for someone with the emotional maturity of one.

The more elegant camps felt colder. At one, each family had its own dinner table, so we didn't get to know the other guests. The tents were spread farther apart. We also didn't get to know the staff,

who served us mostly as waiters, the way they would at a nice hotel.

I know only one word to describe what the simpler camps had and the more luxurious camps lacked: "haimish." It's a Yiddish word that suggests warmth, domesticity and unpretentious conviviality. It occurred to me that when we moved from a simple camp to a more luxurious camp, we crossed an invisible Haimish Line. The simpler camps had it, the more comfortable ones did not.

This is a generalized phenomenon, which applies to other aspects of life. Often, as we spend more on something, what we gain in privacy and elegance we lose in spontaneous sociability.

I once visited a university that had a large, lavishly financed Hillel House to serve as a Jewish center on campus. But the students told me they preferred the Chabad House nearby, which was run by the orthodox Lubavitchers. At the Chabad house, the sofas were tattered and the rooms cramped, but, the students said, it was more haimish.

Restaurants and bars can exist on either side of the Haimish Line. At some diners and family restaurants, people are more comfortable leaning back, laughing loud, interrupting more and sweeping one another up in a collective euphoria. They talk more to the servers, and even across tables. At nicer restaurants, the food is better, the atmosphere is more refined, but there is a tighter code about what is permissible.

Hotels can exist on either side of the Haimish Line. You'll find multiple generations at a

Comfort Inn breakfast area, and people are likely to exchange pleasantries over the waffle machine. At a four-star hotel's breakfast dining room, people are quietly answering email on their phones.

Whole neighborhoods can exist on either side of the Haimish Line. Alan Ehrenhalt once wrote a great book called "The Lost City," about the old densely packed Chicago neighborhoods where kids ran from home to home, where people hung out on their stoops. When the people in those neighborhoods made more money, they moved out to more thinly spaced suburbs with bigger homes where they were much less likely to know their neighbors.

In the 1990s, millions of Americans moved outward so they could have bigger houses and bigger lots, even if it meant long commutes. Research by Robert Frank of Cornell suggests this is usually a bad trade-off.

People are often bad at knowing how to spend their money – I've been at least as bad as everybody else in this regard. Lottery winners, for example, barely benefit from their new fortunes. When we get some extra income, we spend it on privacy, space and refinement. This has some obvious benefits: Let's not forget the nights at the Comfort Inn when we were trying to fall asleep while lacrosse teams partied in the hallways and the rooms next door. But suddenly we look around and we're on the wrong side of the Haimish Line. We also live in a highly individualistic culture. When we're shopping for a vacation we're primarily thinking about Where. □

A seaside rendezvous for carpaccio and tartare

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You might think that gloried dishes like beef carpaccio

When I headed to the fish market the other day, wild Pacific king salmon and Alaskan halibut – good sus-

be purchasing only a small amount, just 4 ounces a person, buy the freshest, best quality fish available.

the pickled or salted buds of a similar wild Mediterranean shrub.

Salmon carpaccio and halibut tartare

Time: About 40 minutes

For the salmon carpaccio:
8 ounces salmon, preferably wild

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, plus extra for brushing

1 small shallot, finely diced
2 teaspoons finely chopped lemon zest

1 tablespoon lemon juice
Salt and pepper

1 teaspoon capers, rinsed and roughly chopped

2 teaspoons snipped chives
Nasturtium petals, optional

For the halibut tartare:

8 ounces halibut fillet

Salt and pepper

2 scallions, chopped fine

1 small cucumber, peeled, seeded and finely diced, about 1/2 cup

pieces. Paint each slice lightly with olive oil and place between two pieces of waxed paper. Using a meat mallet or wine bottle, with light tapping motions, very gently pound the salmon to about 1/16-inch thickness. Refrigerate in the waxed paper until ready to serve.

2. Put the shallot, lemon zest and lemon juice in a small bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Add the capers. Whisk in 3 tablespoons olive oil.

3. To prepare the halibut tartare: Dice the halibut as small as possible, put it in a bowl and put the bowl on ice.

4. Just before serving, season the halibut with salt and pepper. Gently stir in the scallions, cucumber, jalapeno, olive oil and lime juice.

5. For each serving, carefully peel one sheet of waxed paper from the salmon and



Cut salmon, left, and diced halibut rest in bowls with onions and lemon, in Berkeley, Calif. Though it may seem hard to make restaurant quality fish tartare at home, all you really need is fresh fish. (Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

and steak tartare can be had in only a restaurant. In fact, they are easily made at home – all you need is spanking fresh fish. Got that?

Traditional Italian carpaccio, thinly sliced and gently pounded to a plate-size round, can be served with a mustard sauce, or with a generous drizzle of very good olive oil and Parmesan shavings. Steak tartare, in the French manner, is finely chopped beef assertively dressed with mustard, chopped shallots, gherkins and capers.

Both began as raw beef preparations, one named after an Italian painter, the other for the horsemen warriors of Mongolia, if legends are to be believed. Nowadays they are just as likely to be made from ocean-going creatures.

That's evolution, perhaps, but it has been business as usual in some seaside regions for quite some time. And why not? Especially this time of year, fish versions of the two dishes seem lighter, more refreshing. The flavors are bright and lemony, perfect for a no-cooking-required late summer meal or an elegant first course.

tainable seasonal choices – were both looking tantalizingly fresh, so I came up with a way to serve them together. The salmon would get a dressing of chives, capers and lemon zest; for the halibut, a little cucumber, shallot, lime and a very little grated jalapeno.

On a restaurant menu the dish might be called Duo of Salmon Carpaccio and Halibut Tartare, which makes it sound fancy, and probably pricey, when it is actually utter simplicity.

The techniques for carpaccio of fish and for fish tartare are more or less the same as for beef. Flatten the salmon between sheets of waxed paper by tapping gently with a mallet, and you have made carpaccio. For tartare, finely dice the halibut and keep it on ice. Add the seasonings to both just before serving.

Your fishmonger will no doubt have other offerings. Firm-fleshed ocean fish for tartare could also include snapper or sea bass, or ultra-fresh sea scallops, or, of course, tuna. Just about any fish that can be a carpaccio can also be a tartare. Since you'll



Salmon and halibut tartare, in Berkeley, California.

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

And if you want to cheat a little, make just the halibut tartare and serve it with slices of smoked salmon.

Edible nasturtiums, if you can find them (they are easy to grow in a sunny windowbox), add a peppery bite, a sort of cross between watercress and honeysuckle. They are botanically related to capers, which are

1/2 teaspoon grated or finely minced jalapeno, optional

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Juice of 1 small lime, or to taste

2 teaspoons snipped dill, optional.

1. To prepare the salmon carpaccio: Slice the salmon crosswise into four equal

invert onto a chilled plate. Remove the remaining waxed paper. Sprinkle the salmon lightly with salt. Drizzle with the lemon-caper oil and sprinkle with the chives and nasturtium petals.

6. Spoon a 2-ounce mound of halibut tartare onto each plate, next to the salmon. Sprinkle with the dill.

Yield: 4 servings. □